Complaint Form
FD-71 (Rev. 7-21-67)

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Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases	Character of case
ALEX J. RANIERI Circuit Judge Hurley, Wisconsin	HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B) [redacted] b6 b7C
	Complaint received ☑ Personal ☐ Telephonic Date 10/30/79 Time _____
Address of subject	Complainant's address and telephone number [redacted]

Subject's Description	Race	Sex	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace
	Age	☐ Male ☐ Female	Weight	Eyes	Complexion	
	Scars, marks or other data					

Facts of complaint

Complainant, conducting investigation for Wisconsin Judicial Investigating Commission, furnished info from his investigation indicating that for years RANIERI has been behind the scenes operator of The Show Bar, Hurley, Wis., a nude dancing bar and house of prostitution [redacted] b6 b7C

"JACK" "JACKPOT" GASBARRI. RANIERI has done this while judge (2 years) and District Attorney (for 18 years preceding).

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(Title) ALEX J. RAINERI

(File No.) 195-35-1A

Item	Date Filed	To be returned Yes	To be returned No		Disposition
1	1/23/80,			TWO PHOTOS OF [redacted]	
2	" " "			AGENTS NOTES RE [redacted] HOLIDAY INN KEEPER	
3	" "			AGENTS NOTES RE [redacted]	
4	2/8/80			~~Agents notes re Louis Gasbari~~	
5	"			Agents notes re [redacted]	
6	"			~~Agents notes re Albert Stella~~	
7	"			Agents notes re Richard Matiella	
8	"			~~Agents notes re~~ [redacted]	
9	"			Notes re consent search of [redacted] res.	
10	2-25-80			Seven photos & 1 negg [redacted]	
11	3-10-80			One photo of [redacted] aka [redacted]	
12	4-25-80			Agents notes re [redacted]	
13	"			Agents notes re [redacted]	
14	"			~~Agents notes re Albert Stella~~	
15	"			Negs. & photos of 4-13-78 newspaper	
16	6-18-80			~~Original signature card for Raineri~~	
17	8-6-80			Photos of [redacted]	
18	9/25/80			~~Sample of le gal form typed on~~ "Cit # 739-2532 typewriter	
19	"			Original 3 pages of document re divorice of [redacted]	
20	"			Original 11/3/78 document of Clevland Homes	
21	8/10/81			Investigative notes of interview of [redacted]	

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Agent's note re

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Holiday Innkeeper

1/14/80 [redacted] Hol Inn Newby b6 b7C

(Owned By [redacted]

since '74 - [redacted]

always res of Wis - ~~[illegible]~~

- started the day it opened 3/72

when opened - needed res of Wis at least 1 year as Agent or Leg Liai - [redacted] b6 b7C

Alex DA - somehow she ended up as Agent - a free inv - paid by office of never changed

[redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] for whatever penalty, etc.

Has had alot of people question relationship - doesn't really know.

renewed 6/30 - 1 year -

Has heard alot of theft, prostitutes, etc during const. [redacted] b6 b7C

built by [redacted]

lic from Holiday Inns - now lives in Newcastle, Ind.

[redacted] only person still a director who was in 1972 - b6 b7C

[redacted] was dir of Operations when [redacted] now owns & mgs Hol Inn downtown, G.B.

Has been Kaiser's present few times - Summer, Charity ball, entertainment - not at all regularly - the not otherwise employed ([redacted])

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never has been a liquor prob w/ property -

Recalls 1 incident - N/F seen by night mgr knocking on doors - [redacted] called Slow Bar & wanted her out - [redacted] came & took her to airport

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- girls often stayed here had trouble getting names

lists of registrants kept by month for 7 years

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Description:

Agent's notes re

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Dec '75

before dec — [redacted]

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they gave at Xmas jailbirds Gabarri brought envelopes to co jail contain- ing them Xmas presents - and book -

Quite dec - not in position to know if continues

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Agent's note re Louis Casbarri

1/14 Louis Gasbarri

Stellar

224 Carey Rd

in town visiting ex-wife - b6
in hosp - b7C
stayed w/ good friend [redacted] So.

12/31/79 - Dick Mattiello
withdrew

$ 6987.22

Closing WWMC acct
(SA NBI

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Field File No. 194-35-1A (5)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Agent's notes re

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12/9/20

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On 10/3/79, [redacted] furnished the following information [redacted] said that she worked for [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] said that she worked for [redacted] at both the Show Bar and the White Way Motel in Hurley, Wisconsin. [redacted] was [redacted] of the Show Bar [redacted] at the White Way Motel. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and this was the reason that she [redacted] left the Show Bar.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted] dancers at the Show Bar who were actaul "strippers" and very likely prostitutes. She could not state positively that the girls hustled at the Show Bar but their activities indicated such. They would take men upstairs or out of the bar and later would return alone. The dancers stayed at the White Way Motel and many times she would find men in their rooms and would charge the dancers for another person.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that it was no secret in Hurley athat [redacted] Alex Raineri [redacted] to Raineri [redacted] legal adviser". Mrs. [redacted] said this occurred in 1978 and 1979 after Raineri became a judge. [redacted] told her that if there were any problems and she was not around to contact Raineri. [redacted] said that Raineri was almost a daily visitor to the Show Bar before it burned and would also [redacted] at the bar. [redacted] Raineri would make trips to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Iron River, Michigan to locate girls and bring them back to Hurley. This information wase from [redacted] according to [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] recalls that one evening or early morning at the Motel, [redacted] Jack O Lantern Bar in Iron River, Michigan and another girl checked into the Motel saying that they had just arrived by bus. Mrs. [redacted] said she knew that they did not come by bus, because there were none running at that time. While talking to the girl the following day, the girl advised Mrs. [redacted] that [redacted] Raineri had driven them from Iron River, Michigan to Hurley, Wisconsin. The girl was a negro, female, however, Mrs. [redacted] could not recall her name. Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted], a stripper [redacted] a bartender, had worked at the Show Bar.

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Mrs. [redacted] said that in September, 1978, [redacted] Raineri to Reno, Nevada where Raineri was attending a legal conference. She also stated that [redacted] Raineri had been involved in an automobile accident in or near Ironwood, Michigan late in 1978. The accident involved a car belonging to [redacted] who lives [redacted] in Hurley. [redacted] reportedly is suing Raineri to recover damages to her car.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that [redacted], a negro female from Milwaukee who worked at the Show Bar and [redacted], a negro female were arrested in Ironwood, Michigan late in 1978, for theft from a jewelry store owned by [redacted] also owns a [redacted] in Hurley. [redacted] is rumored to have returned to Milwaukee and the outcome of the charges are unknown.

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[redacted] tending bar - 1 night [redacted] called after 1 looking for [redacted] - rented her a room - [redacted] came to Motel - [redacted] caught [redacted] in room w/ man - very mad - [redacted] asked her to dial a phone - ask for Alex - his wife ans - said not home - -

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Mrs. [redacted] identified the following girls who were dancers at the Show Bar and known only by their dancing names. b6 b7C

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] could not recall the names [redacted] b6 b7C
Mrs. [redacted] said that she had been informed by Lois Gasbarri, Mrs. Louis Gasbarri and Richard Mattrella that Raineri had been present at a corporation meeting of the Motel during the summer of 1978 and had acted as a [redacted] as to what to say. [redacted] on several occassions that Raineri was [redacted] in 1978 and 1979. Raineri had called his secretary who thod recorded the official minutes of the corporation meeting.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that in her opinion Raineri knew what was going on at the Show Bar and the White Way Motel and was acting as a [redacted] but has nothing which would be a record of this action. b6 b7C

[redacted] — 1 partic incident — b6 b7C
girl from Iron River — lady friend
found [redacted] + 1 N/F —
cold day in Fall — they came into
WWM to register — the N/F told
orig said came by bus — [redacted] later that
Alex got them

was going to marriage, then + end b6 b7C
lesbian + middle aged woman [redacted] —
[redacted]

girls working at Show Bar also
have worked at Jet-o-lantern —

had alot of troubles w/ Show Bar
girls at W/W M — prostitution problem
— people coming + going all night
[redacted] upset — said prejudiced b6 b7C

Dick M didn't want [redacted] there — b6 b7C
one incident he was there & kicked them
out himself — one night had to call
police —

[redacted] Alex — now not getting along — b6 b7C
[redacted] Alex found him
— trial date 2/15 — motions 2/1 —

[redacted] That Alex drinking gets in - she told him he would get into trouble - he said nothing can happen to him -

- told her to leave town or he would have committed -

She left ~ May - June '79 -

[redacted] about at [redacted] - b6 b7C

[redacted] b6 b7C

One time [redacted] kicked her out of house another time fight w/ [redacted] - Alex left w/ [redacted] - left wife there

housewife

[redacted] b6 b7C

worked at Carousel Show Bar - she has "honeys" for money - a prostitute - general clientele

One heard [redacted] say she was never going out w/ Alex again - all 3 together [redacted] got mad b6 b7C

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Agent's notes re Albert Stella

On October 29, 1979, Albert Stella, 224 Carey Road, Hurley, Wisconsin, furnished the following information.

Stella was shown a copy of the annual report for Ritz Bar, Inc., 28 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, dated January 31, 1978. Stella identified his signature as the person signing this document. Stella advised he had been given this form to sign [redacted] Stella also advised he had signed for the liquor license for the Show Bar, which was formerly located at 28 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] The Show Bar burned sometime in April 1979 and has never resumed business again. Stella said he did not know who had prepared the annual report and he did not know who Whitney Jack Osbourne [redacted] were and had never met or seen these individuals. Stella said he was never paid or received anything for being an officer and director of the Ritz Bar, Inc.

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Stell said Alex Raineri was known to him as the current judge in Iron County. Prior to that he was the District Attorney and a practicing attorney in Hurley, Wisconsin. Raineri was the attorney [redacted] "Jackpot" Gasbarri prior to his death [redacted]. He was not aware who the attorney for [redacted] was at the present time. Stella said he was not aware of the business or personal activities of Raineri.

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Albert Stella - "Bert" age 71 (561 2336)
224 Cary Rd (Hwy 77)
Hurley — retired COP - 7 yrs.
21 years PD - never asked for or took a dollar from anyone

se Show Bar -
Jackpot & Mattrella - orig partners - b6 b7C
Mattrella sold out to Jackpot before died
[redacted]

worked at Show Bar cleaning up - am's
started when Jackpot alive - 2-3 years
before Jack died - right up to fire -
last month or so [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] - was really good
woman up till then - she used
to call him at dear to bring her a
bottle - suggested she go home to her
mother & close up -

[redacted] has her home by b6 b7C
trying to sell her house

Bert worked am's - never saw Jackie there
when Jack still living Alex & wife there abt -
- never saw Alexcot [redacted] - only used b6 b7C
[redacted] hearsay rumor
[redacted] Alex [redacted]
into Alex's car [redacted]

when Jackpot living thought Alex doing some of bookwork —

[redacted] — did books until ~1 mo before burned — he used to come to bar

nobody living above when burned — [redacted] often had dancers/believed to be prostitutes — staying above bar — N/F's — alot of problems w/ them —

never any conv. on phone, etc w Sherman Fox — w/ Alex

Stella agent for [redacted] holding license — when Jack living asked Stella to be agent on his license — didn't get paid for anything — also pres of corporation — never a meeting, etc — Jack presented any paper to sign — Stella didn't mean anything — every year signed for renewal — [redacted] got papers — Alex may have been lawyer when Jackpot living — never anyone there to notarize — said Alex never

didn't mix w/ owners — just did his work —

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work - filling up beer - part in cooler - brought from basement

mop & sweep, clean up -

most of time good business - Xmas and not so good -

has 2 cks from [redacted] that bounced

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Never delivered envelopes for Xmas presents - whoever says he delivered is lying - [redacted] gave battle for Xmas - no idea what he gave police

Cons to search - he has key

letter - [redacted] - left of 10/30/79 up [redacted]

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"Shaw Bar Tue, April 20, 1979 3:14 p"

reg - contents of car - dishes & clothes, jewelry - not records of Shaw Bar -

reg COD to [redacted]

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may be sister -

did send UPS

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Agent's notes re Richard Mattella

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Zenith TV

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1/15/80 Richard Mattrella -
32 Bordeaux Dr. Highland Hgts
(606-441-0001)

WWMC Lame 9:00

[redacted]

Fuchs 11:00

had 62 Shares - took $ [redacted] had owed, [redacted] applied to [redacted] [redacted] had lien - when Jackpot died Mattrella liable owed his taxes

after everything - $7000 into bank - 12/31 - got ck 6900 from bank payable to [redacted] -

never got 10¢ from ~~Bank~~ Sale

paid 27000 1/9/80 to [redacted] taxes going all the way back to 1953 - on Carnival

Cabaret tax, entertainers tax

settlement in 1958 for $70,000 approx

Jack paying $900+/month - half paid for what Club Carnival burned.

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1952 - M went to Ky

1953 - M & Jack G built Club Carnival
CC burned '71
- purchased Show Bar under land
contract from [redacted] b6 b7C
Jack paid on blg until he paid off -

Jack couldn't put in his name
because gov't taxes & they would
take it over - stayed in Lonie's name b6 b7C

M always had impression owned part of it -
Lonie said Jack said before died
he was to get 1/4, [redacted] -

Lonie said [redacted] Alex K got him b6 b7C
to sign some papers - ended up
w/a quit claim deed to [redacted] -

b6 b7C

fire 4/59 - Show Bar burned [redacted]
had Ins on blg - 1/2/60 went to
see adjustor - he said Ins Co wants to
ask her questions - she refuses to ans -
They won't release until

early 60's - Corp. borrowed $50,000 from
bank in Duluth to build
purchased motel at auction & had
moved - back end had built.

Corp. was Mattella, see Jackpot, Bro, [redacted] b6 b7C

made into Corp - Mason ink - lawyer did -

stayed same until sold - one when Jack [redacted] broke up - Jackpot paid he off. b6 b7C

[redacted] claimed his dad took $1500 in bonds + cashed in for investment. b6 b7C

Mattella in Ky from 62 on - not into touch w/ what going on - when came up to visit stayed at Motel -

Bank in Duluth paid off - seemed never any profit - money was disappearing - money disappearing on linen costs.

Summer '78 - M was at WWMC meeting - Alex R there to protect [redacted] interest - he talked + took active part - and decided to sell motel - [redacted] always wanted to sell - Alex see he sold because Dick [redacted] not getting along - neither could afford to buy out other. b6 b7C

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When had a sale for motel [redacted]
put a lien against motel - she told
him all Alex Ramirez's work -

has never heard that he wanted to
buy Motel but has his own ideas
that did.

M really had no hand in op of Show
Bar - Jackpot did - doesn't think Jack
had a will - Jack & Alex very close -
alot of trust in him -

when [redacted] 1974 - to be sentenced - wanted
Jack & Alex R. - didn't know -

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Suspects Alex profiting from Show Bar &
others - feel to say which -

he & Alex both went to HS together
not best of friends - has done every-
thing in his power to screw [redacted] out
of motel, everything else -

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[redacted] b6 b7C high

even when Jack alive -

[redacted]

Alex got [redacted]

[redacted] — if he connected will really bury alex - told Dick that alex got prost from Dick to Kelly

[redacted] has also told him this,

M never paid Alex anything -
Jack paid alex alot - paid his expenses to Las Vegas -
collecting from 4-5 places downtown
Jack bag man other bars & prost.

M living in Ky - his [redacted] in Kelly - traveled to sa - brought dancers along. - arrested & conv. for. - WSTA - USA wanted him to talk against

Alex DA since brother got ~ 1960
never any local pinches for prost -
never any pressure for local police
" " " " closing hrs.
(all places ~~closed~~ turned lights out & left going)
Prosecutor a strong man - Jackpot well liked - "made himself liked by the law" - financially -

money not known - gave out case or so of whiskey

Mrs Wm Mattella - does not recall men
dyd 1 year in pen rep by Alex R,
was stolen TV's 15-19- used/color (for motel)

1973 S/W - they were looking for new TV's
Quasar - went there -
- used TV's - Jack brought up
in his S/W TV-hand
Dorothy along w/ Jack

to Harley -
Jack told him Alex R got 2
stolen TV's - was somewhat re them - Jack
heard about - doesn't know what
he did w/ -

confid.

[redacted] wanting to help this man he had all these years

M would never think of selling 20 unit b6 b7C
motel for 60,000 - [redacted] told him
that Giovanoni into a motel @ 60,000 -
went to see him - offered - he laughed -
G said it was [redacted] idea to sell for
$60,000 - later heard Alex put them
up to making that offer.

When Alex went to Madison as
Judge [redacted] - Alex's wife b6 b7C
knows about it. [redacted] RE/DE

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Description:

Agent's notes re [redacted]

On October 31, 1979, [redacted] Wisconsin, telephone [redacted] furnished the following information. b6 b7C

[redacted] the French Casino located at this address. The Casino has been closed since [redacted] because of [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] said he has been trying to obtain a liquor license since September 1978 and Alex Raineri was reported to have contacted the city council and told them not to issue a license to the French Casino. [redacted] a friend of his did obtain a liquor license and the Casino [redacted] until it was closed by the [redacted] The night the Casino was closed it has been said the Show Bar had been called by an unknown party and told to close fifteen minutes prior to the time the police closed up the Casino. There are also rumors that Raineri was reported to have said that nothing would ever happen to the Show Bar and nothing did. It was also common knowledge in Hurley, Wisconsin, that prostitution was being carried on by the dancers of the Show Bar. The dancers were using the upstairs of the Show Bar and the White Way Motel to turn their tricks. [redacted] said he served as a temporary manager of the Show Bar [redacted] Raineri [redacted] traveled to Reno Nevada, where Raineri was attending some meeting. b6 b7C

[redacted] said he was not aware of Raineri's personal or business life or what his association with the Show Bar may have been. b6 b7C

[redacted] said the names Osbourne [redacted] were vaguely familar to him and he thought they may be old pensioners living somewhere in Hurley. [redacted] described Osbourne as a "wineo" for many years. b6 b7C

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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[redacted] feels [redacted]
Some stories he has heard. " — "

"When she burned [redacted]
w/ Alex — [redacted]

"Alex doesn't do anything for nothing — may have owned juice

She often said she would [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] thinks [redacted]
she thought was in trouble.

1/14/80 - [redacted]

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[redacted] - tended bar ~ 3 wks
10/78.

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bartend @ Show Bar - worked for Mattelle + Jackpot over 20 years -
quit at Show Bar 5/76
~ 6 mos after Jack died -
then night clerk @ WWM -
pub rights in office -

Alex [redacted] - went to Reno, Nev, [redacted] said
[redacted] - she was going to Calif - called him while gone - other bartender -
[redacted] - told him of [redacted] to Alex

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Common knowl they went to Seminar -

w/ guarantees - can make a case - he can corroborate [redacted] working at Show Bar
[redacted] - told [redacted] - Alex had come & got her at MI -

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Date Received 1-15-80

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Description:

notice re consent search of [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] rlse.

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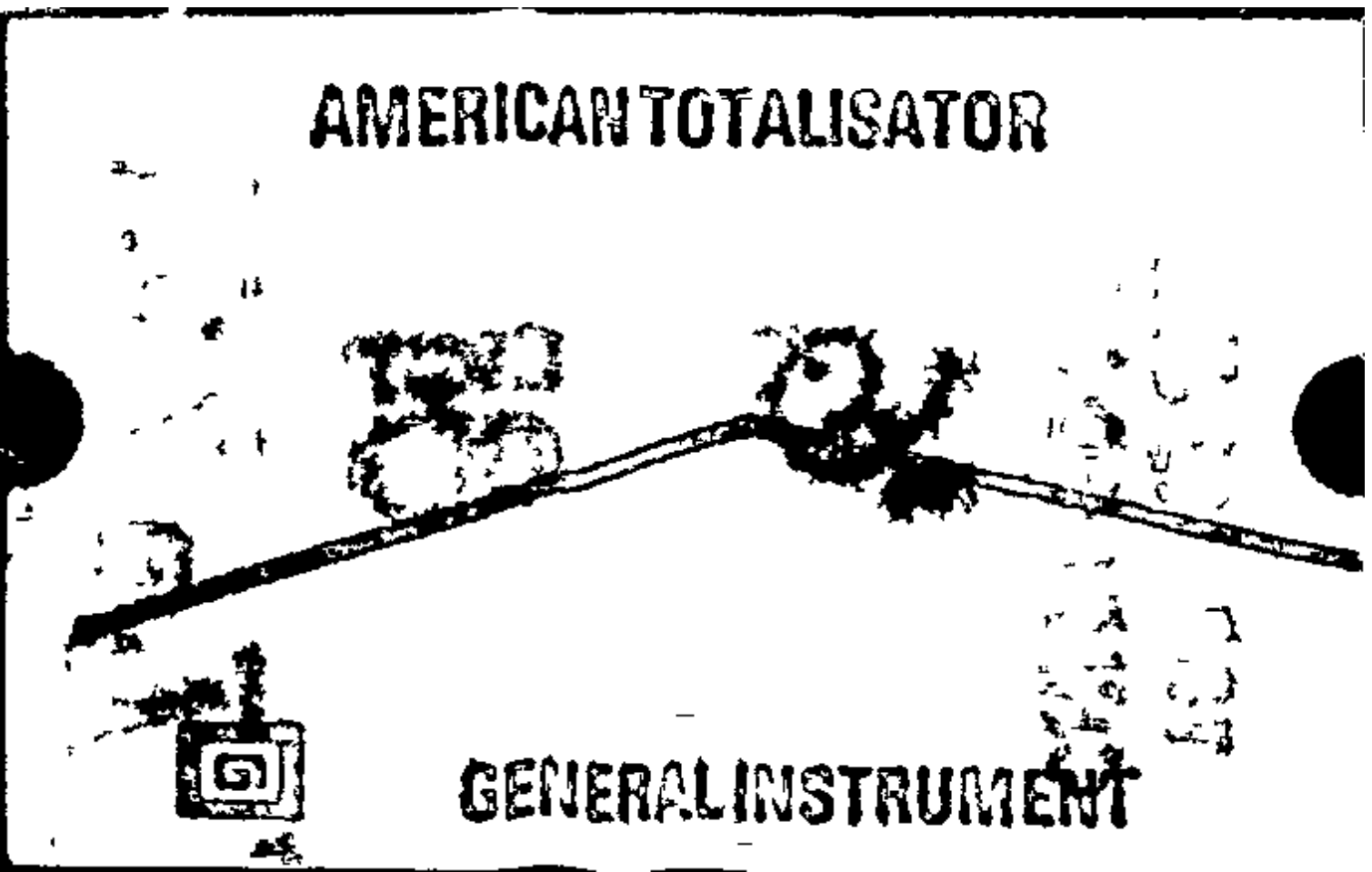

GENERAL INSTRUMENT

#Mfd Feb '75

[redacted]

Model = [redacted]

[redacted] Solid state console

#2 Westinghouse

Model [redacted]

Serial # - [redacted]

[redacted]

Model

Chassis # [redacted]

[redacted]

12" SNV [redacted]

Color

[redacted] Color - B/R

+ Model # removed

Motorola table model

Mod A + 30 BH

[redacted]

1/15/80

Bert STELLA

swamper there

app 5 yr - until

fire

- saw Alex at Show

Bar b/4 jackpot died

- didn't see him there

after jackpot died -

didn't see Alex & [redacted]

[redacted]

or at Bar -

- Never signed anything -

in front of Atty -

- She lie & envelope

- [redacted]

the atty dtd 10/30/79

- 3 pkgs sent to

Negro 11/2/79

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By _____ AL AGENT)

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Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Agent's notes [redacted] b6 b7C

4/18

[redacted] — self empl painting contractor

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dropped
$2-300

Find (no ph)

no discernable expenses at club

Feb 7 — N/F "big tits"

met at club - drank w/ her at bar

later went w/ her to her motel on [redacted] - didn't pay her anything -

she may have gone w/ me due to spending alot in bar on her - her cost of drinks - cheap $25/bottle - drinking shot of beer

~ Spring 1978 - April

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Karen [redacted] - working there at time.

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(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

(CITY AND STATE)

By

(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Agent's notes re Albert Stella

slip twice before

re Hurley prostitution
- told didn't know

never took a dollar from anyone -
never asked
got a bottle for Xmas from
Dime - Jackpot, [redacted]

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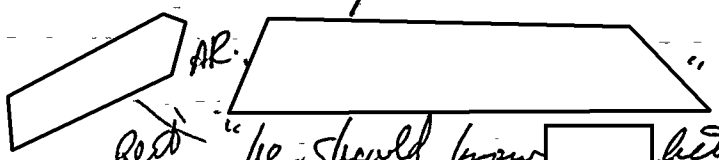
Albert Fella -

talked to Sheriff, COP & Judge R re envelope - "arresting him" -

"I don't know - they must be digging for something" -



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nothing to him about Crow bar -

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best "he should know [redacted] better than I do" - took care of Jackpot's bar.

heard "the village took TV out of [redacted] -

wouldn't know

- When state liq insp -

daytime afternoon

did have [redacted] come w/them - at the club (SB)

called the police to let him out - took 2 bottles liq -

good time

didn't talk to state agents on telephone -

2 then - tall & short fellows -

didn't do much - working on their job -

much later state wanted him to sign to release - talked to Stengel, DA -

never knew state agents. in old days - didn't have much to do w/them

heard name Charles Allen from years ago

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Field File No. 194-35-1A

00 and File No. M1

Date Received

From [redacted] b6 b7C

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Daily Globe

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Ironwood, Mich

(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]

(SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Description:

negatives & photos of 4/13/78 newspaper

Copy of photo to USA 6-11-80

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Field File No. 194-35(1A)-16

00 and File No. M1

Date Received 6-11-80

From USA F.M. [redacted]

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

WDW

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Madison, Wis

(CITY AND STATE)

By [redacted]

(SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☒ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Description:

original checking account signature card for Alex J Ramerí. + one copy.

to USA 9/10/80

orig to Lab, 6/18/80
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NAMES Alex J. Raineri [redacted] JOINT ACCOUNT b6 b7C

TO The Gogebic National Bank of Ironwood, Ironwood, Mich.

You are authorized to recognize any of the signatures subscribed below in the payment of funds or the transaction of any business for this account. It is agreed that all transactions between you and the undersigned shall be governed by the contract printed on the reverse side of this card.

The undersigned, joint depositors, hereby agree each with the other and with you that all sums now on deposit or heretofore or hereafter deposited by either or both of said joint depositors with you to their credit as such joint depositors with all accumulations thereon, are and shall be owned by them jointly, with right of survivorship, and be subject to the check or receipt of either of them or the survivor of them and payment to or on the check of either or the survivor shall be valid and discharge you from liability.

Each of the undersigned appoints the other attorney, with power to deposit in said joint account moneys of the other and for that purpose to endorse any check, draft, note or other instrument payable to the order of the other or both said joint depositors.

Payment to or on check of the survivor shall be subject to the laws relating to inheritance and succession taxes and all rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

Your rights or authority under this agreement shall not be changed or terminated by us or either of us except by written notice to you which shall not affect transactions theretofore made. PENNINGTON RUNG INC. CAT. NO. 1-8984.1

DATE			
5-17-52	☑ MR. ☐ MRS. ☐ MISS	(1) SIGNATURE Alex J. Raineri (Attorney)	
5-17-52	☐ MR. ☑ MRS. ☐ MISS	(2) SIGNAT [redacted]	A.B.A. Approved Contract. b6
[redacted]			KP 23720 b7C
DATE OPENED May 17-52	INITIAL DEPOSIT $700.00	[redacted]	
Raineri, Alex J.	[redacted]		

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Field File No. 194-35-1A (18)

00 and File No. MI

Date Received 9-18-80

From [redacted] b6 b7C

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Secretary Circuit Judge

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hurley Wis

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☑ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Sample of legal form typed on Facit #739-2532 typewriter

To Lab via MI alt dtd 9/23/80 lap

FD-340 REV. (6-14-77)

Field File No. 194-35-1A (19)

00 and File No. MI

Date Received 9-18-80

From [redacted] b6 b7C

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Clerk of Court

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hurley, Wis

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☑ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

original 3 pages of documents re [redacted] b6 b7C

To Lab via Miaplt dtd 9/23/80 lap

FD-340 REV. (6-14-77)

Field File No. 194-35-1A (60)

00 and File No. M1

Date Received 9-18-80

From [redacted] b6 b7C

(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Clerk of Court

(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Hayward, Wis

By [redacted]

To Be Returned ☑ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☑ No

Description:

Original 11/3/78 document of Cloverland Homes.

To Lab via Miaff dtd 9/23/80 lap

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C/A [redacted] RA (21)

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Date Received 12/9/80

From _____
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

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(CITY AND STATE)

By SA Brendan M Baker
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Description:

Investigative notes of interview w/ [redacted]

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12/9/80

[redacted] Michigan b6 b7C

On the night of 12/8/80 —

[redacted] came into the ~~the~~ lobby ~~on the lower~~ on the first floor (street level) of the Park Motor Inn, Madison, Wisc. [redacted] was waiting for confirmation of room reservation & had just gotten her check for witness expenses from [redacted] (last name unknown), was sitting at the bar next to [redacted] & They talked. [redacted] were also sitting there. [redacted] heard numerous people around her talking about the Judge Alex Rainer case. [redacted] thought the were not supposed to discuss it. [redacted] were talking about case [redacted] about these people talking about the case & [redacted] "Don't worry, I'll cover your ass!" & [redacted] went to sit down. [redacted] later came up to [redacted] & said "That colored girl and [redacted] went up stairs". [redacted] came b6 b7C into the lobby at ~~about~~ this time & [redacted] said to [redacted]. She had to talk to him & told him about the girl + lawyer going up stairs. [redacted] she would get [redacted] over to confirm ~~for~~ this fact. [redacted] told [redacted] to tell [redacted] about the colored girl & lawyer going up stairs and [redacted] said to [redacted] "Am I going to get any more money?" [redacted] said "No." [redacted] said that [redacted] saw the attorney & colored girl going into the elevator & told [redacted] about it. [redacted] ~~left~~ [redacted] left. Then [redacted] left the ~~the~~ lobby. Then [redacted] went over to [redacted] who was talking with [redacted], "I ~~out~~ ought to slap your face. You have no right talking to him ([redacted]); [redacted] is your lawyer." [redacted] said "He's not my lawyer, he's Rasheri's lawyer". [redacted] said "You're in a lot of trouble now". [redacted] frightened [redacted] said "I'll fix it". [redacted] said don't go up to the lawyer + black girls room. [redacted] said "There are

Also that [redacted] wanted to talk to [redacted]

b6 b7C

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[redacted] left & came back, then [redacted] b6 b7C

such things as telephones. ~~then left~~ to [redacted] room and [redacted] then telephoned her boyfriend, [redacted], collect to Ironwood, Wisc. [redacted]

from her room, [redacted]

& told [redacted] & everything that happened in or near the bar. Then [redacted] telephoned [redacted] room & told [redacted] what happened & said she was afraid of [redacted]. b6 b7C

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D-192 (Rev. 4-27-79)

Date 1-11-80

Title and Character of Case
ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE,
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
VARIOUS	VARIOUS

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
CLOSED SECTION	

To Be Returned	Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit	Agent Assigned Case
☐ Yes ☐ No		

Description of Property or Exhibit

THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE BECOME TOO VOLUMINOUS FOR THE 1A ENVELOPE.

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Field File # 194-35-1B1

OO: MILWAUKEE

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1. 1-11-80 AGENT'S NOTES RE: [redacted] b6 b7C
2. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: PAUL STURGUL.
3. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: ALEX RAINERI.
4. " " COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JAMES GASBARRI-5-24-63.
5. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: [redacted] b6
6. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: b7C
7. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE:
8. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE:
9. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE;
10. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: LOUIS GASBARRI.
11. " " NOTES RE: [redacted]
12. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: [redacted]
13. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE:
14. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE:
15. " " AGENT'S NOTES RE: LOIS GASBARRI.
16. " " NEGATIVES OF PHOTOS OF RESIDENCE [redacted]
WHITE WAY MOTEL & HURLEY LIQUOR LICENSE RECORDS.
17. " " COPY OF MIDRIGAN WARRANT & PHOTO OF [redacted] 8 OT Use 6-11-80 b6
18. " " COPY OF DEATH CERTIFICATE OF JOHN J. GASBARRI-11-24-75. b7C
19. " " PHOTOS OF WHITE WAY MOTEL, 100 SILVER ST., HURLEY, WIS.
20. " " PHOTOS OF [redacted]) 8 OT Use 6-11-80
21. " " COPY OF MOTEL PERMIT FOR HURLEY INTERSTATE BUDGET INN.
22. " " PROBATE RECORDS RE: ESTATE OF JOHN GASBARRI. 8 OT Use 6-11-80
23. 1/28/80 Interview Notes Re: Gasbarri [redacted] b6
24. " " " " of [redacted] b7C
25. " FD-26 (Consent to Search) 8 OT Use 6-11-80 24 & 25
26. " 4-page Signed Statement of [redacted]
27. " One 8x10 Photograph of [redacted] & Alex Raineri - orig 7 OT Use 6/1/80
28. 2/26/80 agents Notes Re: Albert Stella
29. " " " "
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31. " " " "
32. " " " "
33. " " " "
34. " " " "
35. " " " "
36. " Consent to Search 1976 Mercury.
37. 3/4/80 agents notes re [redacted] b6
38. " agents notes re [redacted] b7C
39 " agents notes re [redacted]
40 " agents notes re [redacted]
41. " Photo Alex Raineri
42. " Receipt for fine of [redacted]
43. " agents notes re [redacted]
44. " agents notes re [redacted]
45. " agent notes re [redacted]
46 " agents notes re [redacted]
47. 3/7/80 Letter from [redacted] Business card re

[redacted] b6 b7C

3/18/80 (48.) fingerprints of [redacted] To Bureau 3/13/80

(49.) handwriting samples.

(50.) agents notes re review of business records of Show Bar.

3/19/80 (51.) Handwriting sample furnished by Alex Rainieri 6/11/80

3/20/80 (52.) fingerprints, exemplars (1.) left hand, palm + fingers, + sides (2.) right hand, palm + fingers + sides (3.) right hand finger print tips, sides (4.) left hand finger print, tips, sides (5.) fingerprints on U.S. Marshall fingerprint card. (5) & 52 to 4/14/80

3/25/80 (53.) signed statement of Alex Rainieri. TOT USA 6/11/80

4/2/80 (54.) original executed subpoena. TOT USA 6/11/80

(55.) consent for consensual monitoring and recording of conversations by recorder. TOT USA 6/11/80

(56.) original notes of interview with [redacted] b6 b7C

(57.) [redacted] on 3/25/80

orig. Holiday Inn, Reno, Nevada reg. card re Rainieri. TOT USA 6/11/80.

58. agent notes re interview of [redacted] on 3/26/80.

4/9/80 (59) MCSO arrest report dated 9/14/77 for [redacted]

4/17/80 (60) Shipping documents re [redacted] to Lab.

" (61) agents notes re [redacted] b6 b7C

" (62) agents notes re [redacted]

4/21/80 (63) notes re: Interview of [redacted]

" (64) " " " " [redacted]

4/22/80 (65) Agents notes re: [redacted]

4-28-80 66. agents notes [redacted]

" 67. agents notes re [redacted]

68. agents notes re [redacted]

69. agents notes re [redacted]

See Reel, etc.

5/2/80 (70.) financial statements of Wm J. Rainere
at Ethics Board. TOT used 6/11/80

5/5/80 (71.) copy of handwriting exemplars (orig to Lab 4/28/8 12 pages) TOT used 6/11/80

5/5/80 (72.) agents notes re [redacted]

(73.) agents notes re [redacted] b6 b7C

(74.) Registrations records for corp Ritz Bar Hurley misc. - TOT used 6/11/80

75. notes re [redacted] b6 b7C

76. agents notes re Albert Stella.

(77.) annual reports for corp white way Hotel, Hurley Wis.

78. Registration records for corp white way Hotel Corp, Hurley Wis.

79. Cover let + rec receipt re submission of Rainer handwriting to FBI lab. b6 b7C

(80.) annual reports for Corp Ritz Bar Hurley, Wis [redacted] TOT used 6/11/80

5/7/80 (81.) WAL Ticket #'s Flight Coupons [redacted] TOT used 6/11/80

5/9/80 82. copies of statements and checks of the show Bar, Hurley, Wis. TOT used 6/11/80

" 83. Original Sherman Inn Bookkeeping agency documents re show Bar. Hurley, Wis. b6 b7C

~~6/10/80 84. Registered Receipt~~ [redacted]
~~for shipment of evidence~~

5/20/80 84. Notes re [redacted] b6 b7C
" 85. Notes re [redacted]
" 86. Agent's notes re [redacted]
" 87. Agent't notes re
" 88. Agent's notes re
" 89. Agent's notes re
" 90. Agent's notes re
" 91. Agent's notes re
" 92. Agent's notes re Whitney Jaek Osborne.
" 93. Agent's notes re [redacted]
" 94. Agent's notes re
" 95. Agent's notes re
" 96. Agent's notes re b6 b7C
" 97. Agent's notes re
" 98. Agents notes re [redacted]
" 99. Aget's notes re
" 100. Agent's notes re Judge A. Raineri.
" 101. Job Servie papers. - JOT 6/11/80

5-22-80 102. Agent's notes re [redacted]
6/10/80 103. Registered Receipts [redacted] for shipment of evidence
6/12/80. 104. Original interview notes, [redacted] woods

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6/17/80 105. Summer supplement (1970) of Ironwood Daily Globe.
" 106. Notes of [redacted], Guardian Pest Control. b6
" 107. Copies of bank deposit slip and tax statement. b7C
" 108. Notes exhibited to [redacted], 5/22-23/80. To use 6/11/80
" 109. Certified copies of Jacket sheets and minirtes and Criminla l compaaint re [redacted]. To use 6/11/80
" 110. Ledger re the Showbar (Ritz Bar, Inc.) of Beitaguoli Diot Co.
" 111. Original charge slip #876 of 2/8/79 to Albert Stella. b6
" 112. Original invoice [redacted] 2/6/79 for $151.00 to Show Bar. b7C
" 113. Copy of LSDP "Open Balance Register".
" 114. Copy of control card for Show Bar.
" 115. Handwriting samples of signature of Whitney Jack Osborne.
" 116. Accounts receivable ledger re Show Bar.
" 117. Original advertising copy for Show Bar.
" 118. 2 check stubs & 7 pay envelopes of Ritz Bar, Inc. - TOT used 6/11/8
" 119. Agent's notes re [redacted]
" 120. Agent's notes re [redacted] b6
" 121. Agent's notes re [redacted] b7C
" 122. Notes re [redacted]
" 123. Notes re
" 124. Notes re
" 125. Notes re
" 126. Notes re
" 127. Notes re
" 128. Notes re [redacted]
" 129. Notes re [redacted]
" 130. Notes re [redacted]
" 131. Notes re
" 132. Notes re
" 133. Notes re Albert Stella.
" 134. Agent's notes re [redacted]
" 135. Notes re [redacted]
" 136. Notes re
" 137. Notes re
" 138. Photo of
" 139. 2 Photos of [redacted]
6/24/80 140. Subpoena served to [redacted] - TOT used 6/26/80
6/26/80 141. 2 photos of [redacted] b6 b7C
6/26/80 142. agents notes re [redacted]
6/26/80 143. Notes re [redacted]
6/26/80 144. Notes re [redacted]
7/11/80 145. Agents notes re [redacted] 1St National Banl of Irowood,
" 146. Agents notes re [redacted] 1St National Banl of Irowood.
" 147. Copies of Bank microfilm records re [redacted] account.
" 148. W-2 forms for 1976, 1977, 1978 from Ritz Bar, O c. Not used 7-15-8
" 149. Agents notes re Paul Sturgal.
" 150. Agents notes re [redacted]
" 151. Agents notes re
" 152. Agents notes re

7/11/80 153. Agents notes re [redacted] b6 b7C

" 154. Agents notes re [redacted]

" 155. Agents notes re [redacted] Super M.M.

" 156. 7 pages of handwriting samples. TOT USA 7/10/80

" 157. Agents notes re [redacted] Holiday Inn.

" 158. Hiliday Inn recp re [redacted]. TOT USA 7-10-80

" 159. Agents notes re [redacted]

" 160. Copy of motor vehicles purchase contract for [redacted] - TOT USA 7/10/80

7-16-80 161. Notes of [redacted] b6 b7C

162 Notes of

163 Notes of

164 Notes of [redacted]

165 Notes of

166 Notes of [redacted]

167 Notes of

168 Notes of

7/18/80 169. 2 copies and 1 negative of [redacted] Photo. b6 b7C

" 170. 4 Ramada Inn Receipts. TOT USA 7/1/80

" 171. Copies of release forms.

8/26/80 172. Notes Interview of [redacted]

8/25/80 173. Photos of alex Rainer $22.50 check from Bank microfilm

9-4-80 174 Investigative Notes.

9/23/80 175. One photo of [redacted] b6 b7C

" 176. copy of court file re: Cleveland Ross TOT USA 9/22/80

10/3/80 177. Notes re [redacted]

178. agent's notes re [redacted] alex Rainer.

179. Notes re [redacted]

180. notes re [redacted]

(181) Agents notes re: [redacted]

11/12/80 (182) agents notes re: [redacted]

12/4/80 183 copy subpoenas to [redacted]

12/4/80 184 Photo of [redacted]

12/4/80 185. Photos of [redacted]

12/4/80 186. Record Requests 78-125

12/4/80 187. Drivers license checks re [redacted]

[redacted]

12/4/80. 188 arrest record re [redacted]

12/4/80 - 189. agents notes.

2/18/81 190. Certified Transcript of account for Betty Barr, Hurley, Wis

2/27/81 191. Photo [redacted]

8/12/81 192. agents notes

7/6/82 193 Letter from [redacted]

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9/16/85 194. Checks and stubs #808-1047, Ritz bar, Inc.; Checks and statements, Ritz Bar, Inc., dtd 1/31/77, 3/31/77, 4/29/77, 6/30/77, 7/29/77, 9/30/77, 10/31/77; Folder labled "Ritz Bar-1979 containing miscellaneous business records; Folder labled "Payroll 1975 Showbar", containing miscellaneous business records.

" 195. FD-192 "Chain of Custody".

12/4/85 196. Wage & Tax Statement w/various documents

197. Handwriting samples, w/various documents

12/4/85 198. CHECK STUBS
199." " "
200. " "
201. " "

202. COPY OF CHECKS FROM RITZ BAR INC b6
203. " " " " " " " " " " b7C
204. COPIES OF CHECKS & BANK STATEMENTS FROM RITZ BAR INC
205. COPIES OF INVOICES LETER FROM ALBERT STELLA & COMPUTER PRTOUT
206. INVOICES, NTOE, MEMO, TRANSCRIPT, [redacted]

207. ORIGINAL CHECKS & BANK STATEMENTS
208. check stubs
209. ORIGINAL CHECKS & BANK STATEMENTS

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210. XXXX CHECK BOOK WITH STUBS

7-12-89 (211) FD-448A for 1B10
" (212) FD-192 chain of custody + FD-597 for 1B10

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 9-23-77)

Date 2/12/80

Title and Character of Case
ALEX J. RAINERI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MI

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
2/7/80	[redacted] b6 b7C

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Room	Evidence-Disposition of USA

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
[X] Yes [ ] No	SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Description of Property or Exhibit

1. Check #1624 in amount of $168.50 payable to [redacted] [redacted] Ritz Bar b6 b7C

2. Check #1628 in amount of $175.00 payable to [redacted] [redacted] Ritz Bar

3. Check #1663 [redacted] Ritz Bar which was voided. b6 b7C

4. Check #1664 [redacted] Ritz Bar which was voided

5. Check #1660 [redacted] Ritz Bar which was voided.

6. Copy of 1976 Wage and Tax Statement for [redacted] [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan b6 b7C

7. Carbon copy of UC-203 request for work record of [redacted] [redacted] 4/30/77.

8. Ten pages (legal size) bearing handwriting on one side each

Sent to lab on 2/12/80. Ret'd to mi. 3-31-80

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

TOT USA 6-11-80 by [redacted] b6 b7C

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9. Twelve torn pieces of deposit ledgers bearing unknown writing.

10. One torn piece of notebook paper bearing writing.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 9-23-77)

Date 2/29/80

Title and Character of Case

ALEX J. RAINERI,
Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wis.
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
2/13/80	[redacted] Accountant, Ironwood, Michigan

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky	Evidence - Disposition of USA

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
[X] Yes [ ] No	[redacted]

Description of Property or Exhibit

Check stubs #808-1047, Ritz Bar, Inc.
Checks & bank statements, Ritz Bar, Inc., 1/31/77.
" " 3/31/77.
" " 4/29/77
" " 6/30/77.
" " 7/29/77.
" " 9/30/77.
" " 10/31/77.

Sent to Lab 3/13/80 [illegible]
Rec'd to mic. 5-30-80 [illegible]

Folder labeled, "Ritz Bar - 1979", containing miscellaneous business records.
Folder labeled "Payroll 1975 Showbar", containing miscellaneous business records.

TOT USA
by SA [redacted]

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

Returned to Contributor 8-29-85 via Rec # 216777409
Returned to FBI 9/9/85 - [illegible] to [illegible] contributor
Transfered to IA sector

Field File # MI 194-35 - 183

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 9-23-77)

Date 5/16/80

Title and Character of Case

ALEX J. RAINERI, Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wisc.
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION
ITAR - PROSTITUTION; ITAR - BRIBERY
PERJURY, OOJ
OO: MI

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
5/12/80	[redacted] b6 b7C

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Room	Evidence

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
☐ Yes ☒ No	SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Description of Property or Exhibit

36 pages - copies of motel receipts from travel file of ALEX J. RAINERI

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TOT USA 6-11-80 by SA [redacted]

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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D-192 (Rev. 4-27-79)

Date: 6/19/80

Title and Character of Case
ALEX J. RAINERI, Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wisc.
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION
ITAR - PROSTITUTION; ITAR - BRIBERY
PERJURY, OOJ
OO: MI

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
3/26/80	Consensual tape, [redacted] Ironwood, Mich.

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Room	Evidence, retain indefinately

To Be Returned	Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit	Agent Assigned Case
☐ Yes ☒ No	SA [redacted]	SA [redacted]

Description of Property or Exhibit

Original tape of [redacted]
3/26/80

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property A[illegible]ed as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 9-23-77)

Date: 6/24/80

Title and Character of Case

ALEX J. RAINERI,
Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wis.
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
3/26/80	SA [redacted]

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Room	Evidence

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
☐ Yes ☒ No	SA [redacted]

Description of Property or Exhibit

One duplicate tape of consensually monitored conversation between [redacted] on 3/26/80.

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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Date 6/25/80

Title and Character of Case

ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT-OC; ITAR-PROSTITUTION; ITAR-BRIBERY
PERJURY; OOJ

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
6/18/80	[redacted]

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
	EVIDENCE-TRIAL

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
☐ Yes ☐ No	S.A. [redacted]

Description of Property or Exhibit

MEDICAL RECORDS [redacted]

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by SA [redacted]

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
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Date 6/25/80

Title and Character of Case
ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION;
ITAR-PROSTITUTION; ITAR-BRIBERY
PERJURY; OOJ

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
4/29/80	ALEX RAINERI ALBERT STELLA , Elimination Exemplars

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
BULKY ROOM	EVIDENCE

To Be Returned	Identity of Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit
☐ Yes ☐ No	S.A. [redacted]

Description of Property or Exhibit

Voice lineup consisting of four cassette tapes bearing voices of:

1. [redacted]
2. ALBERT STELLA
3. ALEX J. RAINERI
4. [redacted]

TOT USA
by SA [redacted]

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Date 2-25-81

Title and Character of Case
ALEX J. RAINERI
Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wis
HOBBS ACT-OC; ITAR-PROST., ITAR-BRIBERY, PERJURY, OOJ
OO: MI

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
Bulky Room	Possible Chain Of Evidence

To Be Returned
☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

1 pkg containing misc laboratory mailing envelopes, etc.

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 5-6-80)

Date 1/21/83

Title and Character of Case
Alex J. Rainieri

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
1/21/83	USA, WDW, Madison via mail

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
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To Be Returned	Agent [redacted]	[redacted]
☐ Yes ☒ No		

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☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Description of Property or Exhibit

2 notebooks + 1 folder containing Trial Evidence (Exhibits) of Alex J Rainieri case.

DESTROYED by SA [redacted]
DATE 7/12/89

Jane L. Doe
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TO LOS ANGELES ROUTINE /LA

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B); OO: MILWAUKEE.

CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION INITIATED UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT, DOB SEPT. 17, 1918, IRON COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS AND PART-TIME DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE PRIOR 18 YEARS, HAS DURING THAT TIME BEEN THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" OPERATOR OF THE SHOW BAR, CORPORATE NAME THE RITZ BAR, INC., A NUDE DANCING ESTABLISHMENT IN WHICH THE DANCERS REPORTEDLY WERE ALSO PROSTITUTES, SPLITTING THEIR PROCEEDS [redacted] IS [redacted] JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, WHO WAS AMONG A GROUP OF TAVERN OPERATORS FROM HURLEY'S INFAMOUS ERA. AFTER JACKPOT'S DEATH, [redacted] THE SHOW BAR UNTIL IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES IN APRIL, 1979.

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NO INSURANCE CLAIM HAS BEEN FILED RE THIS FIRE. RAINERI, AS PRIVATE PRACTITIONER, WAS THE ATTORNEY [redacted] THE SHOW BAR, BUT RECENTLY WHILE JUDGE, HE REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN ITS OPERATING DECISIONS, [redacted] REPORTED TO BE RAINERI'S [redacted] HIM TO JUDICIAL COLLEGE, RENO, NEVADA [redacted] [redacted] OVERNIGHT WHILE HE WAS ON TRIALS WITH IN THE CIRCUIT, AND ON TRIPS TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, AND IRON RIVER, MICHIGAN (AND POSSIBLY OTHER LOCATIONS) [redacted] PICKED UP DANCERS/PROSTITUTES AND RETURNED THEM TO HURLEY FOR ENGAGEMENTS AT THE SHOW BAR. SINCE THE FIRE AT THE SHOW BAR, RAINERI ALSO REPORTEDLY CHAIRED A MEETING OF STOCK HOLDERS [redacted] OF THE WHITE WAY MOTEL, LOCATED NEXT DOOR TO THE SHOW BAR AND THE SCENE OF REPORTED ACTS OF PROSTITUTION, AT WHICH THE MOTEL'S SALE WAS NEGOTIATED. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THERE WAS AN APPARENT FALLING OUT BETWEEN RAINERI [redacted] RAINERI [redacted] HURLEY [redacted] DURING SUMMER [redacted] RAINERI TO FORMER CIRCUIT JUDGE [redacted] WHO IS COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATION AND SUGGESTS THAT

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HIS NAME BE DROPPED [redacted] REQUESTING THAT [redacted] TO AGENTS. RAINERI IS ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE STATE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION. b6 b7C

[redacted] ACCORDING TO INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES, IS RESIDING [redacted] CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE [redacted] AND IN INSURANCE SITUATION IS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY [redacted]

[redacted] WITH RAINERI, HIS FINANCIAL AND/OR OPERATING INTERESTS IN THE SHOW BAR AND WHITE WAY MOTEL, SPECIFIC INCIDENTS IN WHICH RAINERI TRANSPORTED PROSTITUTES INTO HURLEY, AND HIS INVOLVEMENT AND ATTITUDES RE SUCH ACTIVITIES. ALSO OF INTEREST, IF COOPERATIVE, ARE RAINERI'S CONTACTS WITHIN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CONDONING WIDE OPEN ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS. CLOSE ASSOCIATION IS SUSPECTED WITH CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF RONALD MORZENTI, IRON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

[redacted] THOROUGHLY COOPERATIVE, HER TESTIMONY OR SWORN STATEMENT ANTICIPATED TO FGJ SOMETIME IN FUTURE. b6 b7C

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B). OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 17, 1979.

CONTACT WITH [redacted] REGARDING CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAS REVEALED THAT SHE IS UNSURE ABOUT COOPERATING WITH FBI, STATING THAT SHE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH RAINERI. HOWEVER, SHE ADVISED SHE WOULD CONTACT THE INTERVIEWING AGENT IN TWO OR THREE DAYS AT WHICH TIME SHE WILL ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT SHE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION. b6 b7C

[redacted] DID INDICATE THAT RAINERI HAD DOUBLE CROSSED HER AND SHE LOST EVERYTHING. b6 b7C

DUE TO [redacted] OBVIOUS ILL FEELINGS TOWARD RAINERI, AND HER APPARENT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, b6 b7C

SA [redacted]

Adv. [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES IS OF THE OPINION THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE AFFORDED TO OBTAIN A VOLUNTARY STATEMENT FROM HER. THEREFORE, LOS ANGELES SUGGESTS THAT FORMER JUDGE [redacted] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PRIOR TO HER CONTACTING LOS ANGELES AGENT, IN AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE [redacted] CONVINCED INTO FURNISHING INFORMATION. IT IS NOTED THAT WHEN [redacted] NAME WAS MENTIONED, [redacted] HAD A POSITIVE RESPONSE. [redacted] CAN BE REACHED THROUGH [redacted]

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LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTACT WITH [redacted] UNTIL LOS ANGELES IS ADVISED AS TO ACTIONS, IF ANY, BY [redacted]

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TO LOS ANGELES ROUTINE

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ALEX B. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION; OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE NOV. 26, 1979.

FORMER JUDGE [redacted] HURLEY, WISCONSIN, CONTACTED LATE NOV. 26, 1979, AND STATED HE WILL CONTACT [redacted] AT THE LOS ANGELES NUMBER FURNISHED AND REQUEST HER TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY WITH INTERVIEW BY THE FBI. [redacted] STATED HE WOULD ASSURE [redacted] THAT THE FBI'S INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST IS NOT IN HER BUT IN SUBJECT. b6 b7C

RESULTS OF THE [redacted] TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WILL BE FURNISHED LOS ANGELES AS SOON AS RECEIVED FROM [redacted] b6 b7C

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TO LOS ANGELES (194-57) (22) ROUTINE

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ALEX B. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B); OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO LOS ANGELES NOV. 27, 1979.

ON NOV. 27, 1979, [redacted] HURLEY, WISCONSIN, ADVISED b6 b7C HE HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [redacted] LOS ANGELES AT NOON NOV. 27, 1979. [redacted] FIRST AGREED TO TALK TO AGENTS, THEN DISAGREED, AND OVERALL WAS RELUCTANT AND AMBIVALENT IN HER FEELINGS OF COOPERATION. [redacted] ALSO TALKED TO [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] (LNU), WHO APPEARED TO BE A SENSIBLE YOUNG WOMAN, [redacted] WHO WAS IN HURLEY [redacted] WHEN [redacted] RAINERI HAD THEIR FALLING OUT. [redacted] AGREED WITH THE FUGITIVE THAT CONTACT WITH [redacted] MAY BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE THIS BREAKUP AND MAY BE INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING [redacted] COOPERATION.

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[redacted] (LNU) AS b6 b7C

INDICATED IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DATED NOV. 26, 1979.

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12/10/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (B)

OO: MILWAUKEE

Captioned subject is described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	9/17/18
POB	Hurley, Wisconsin
Marital Status	Married
Residence	502 Sixth Avenue Hurley, Wisconsin
SSAN	399-01-1145
Wisconsin Driver's License Number	R560-0101-8337-08R
Height	6'0"
Weight	200 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Characteristic	Wears glasses

He has been Circuit Judge for Iron County, Wisconsin, since January 1, 1978. For the prior 18 years, he was Iron County District Attorney (a part-time position, practicing law on the side).

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Hurley, Wisconsin, has the reputation and approximately 100 years of history as a town where prostitution and vice have existed relatively untouched by local officials; and certain Hurley figures reportedly have connections with Organized Crime figures in Chicago and Newport, Kentucky.

RAINERI has been the subject of an investigation by the Wisconsin Judicial Investigating Commission regarding his fitness as Judge; a portion of the following has been [redacted] b7D the remainder from local sources, etc:

RAINERI was a lifelong friend of JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, now deceased, operator of local taverns noted for prostitution. His first wife, LOIS GASBARRI, had extensive record as inmate and keeper of a house of prostitution from 1943-1965. After they were divorced, JACKPOT [redacted] b6 b7C

GASBARRI operated the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, until his death in 1975, [redacted] b6 b7C GASBARRI was also a partner in the White Way Motel, located next door to the Show Bar, with RICHARD MATTRELLA, who now resides at Newport, Kentucky, and has a record of WSTA. The Show Bar is described by PAUL STURGUL, current Iron County District Attorney, as "Hurley's last cathouse," though he states that he has never had a complaint and there have been no prostitution arrests there since he took office in 1978. STURGUL describes [redacted] relationship since JACKPOT's death as "RAINERI's [redacted]

RAINERI has been identified as being regularly present at the Show Bar [redacted] Dancers there have claimed that [redacted] a portion of their prostitution take and has commented that [redacted] would take care of things if there was ever any trouble. [redacted] RAINERI allegedly made several trips to Iron River, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1978 "to get girls for the bar." b6 b7C

During the summer of 1978, RAINERI reportedly attempted to hire a female bartender to manage the Show Bar. When she declined because of prostitution, he reportedly stated "No one could do anything to her." Later, when this bartender was fired, she was referred to RAINERI for an explanation. RAINERI reportedly handled all the legal paperwork [redacted] the Show Bar until it burned on April 20, 1979. b6 b7C

[redacted] RAINERI, including to the Judicial College at Reno, Nevada. In 1978 and 1979, the former bookkeeper for the Show Bar telephonically talked to RAINERI, who stated that he (RAINERI) was doing the daily business records of the Show Bar. After the fire, RAINERI told the bookkeeper he would dissolve the corporation. b6 b7C

During the summer of 1978, RAINERI was reportedly present directing a meeting of the stockholders of the White Way Motel [redacted] The purpose of the meeting was to approve the sale of the motel if a buyer could be found. RAINERI's secretary and court reporter allegedly prepared the minutes of the meeting, omitting RAINERI's participation from the written record. b6 b7C

The motel was sold in 1979, which apparently caused a great deal of ill feelings [redacted] RAINERI. She has left Hurley, reportedly because RAINERI [redacted] in the Los Angeles area. b6 b7C

US Attorney FRANK M. TUERKHEIMER, Western District of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, has been contacted regarding allegations and has stated interest regarding possible violations of Hobbs Act.

Milwaukee investigation continuing.

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Date 12/17/79

TO: SAC, LOUISVILLE

FROM: GS/[illegible], MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

ALEX J. RAINERI,
CIRCUIT JUDGE,
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MILWAUKEE

For the information of Louisville, captioned judge is under investigation by Milwaukee in connection with his alleged participation in the operation of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, described by the District Attorney as "Hurley's last cathouse". The Show Bar and neighboring White Way Motel were owned and operated by JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, and after his death in 1975 by [redacted] of RAINERI. [redacted] was a partner in the motel and possibly in the bar with RICHARD "DICKIE" MATTRELLA, 32 Bordeaux Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky. MATTRELLA, reportedly a convicted white slaver, was listed as President and registered agent of the White Way Motel, Inc., which was recently sold. MATTRELLA was reportedly present at a 1978 stockholders' meeting of White Way when RAINERI was present representing the interests of [redacted] when the sale of the motel was discussed. MATTRELLA is allegedly involved in similar operations at Newport, Kentucky.

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RAINERI reportedly made trips to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and to Iron River, Michigan, [redacted] to transport dancers/prostitutes back to Hurley. They

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have since had a falling out, [redacted] having gone to California, where efforts are being made to interview her. [redacted] portion of the prostitution take of dancers at The Show Bar when tricks occurred in rooms above the bar. One individual who should be familiar with RAINERI's exact relationship with [redacted] now believed residing [redacted]

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT COVINGTON/NEWPORT/HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KENTUCKY

Will conduct indices checks and arrest checks regarding RAINERI; JACK GASBARRI, dob 1913(?); and RICHARD MATTRELLA, furnishing particularly all background information regarding MATTRELLA and his activities.

Will thereafter interview MATTRELLA, 32 Bordeaux Drive, Highland Heights, regarding historical involvement of The Show Bar and White Way Motel and more recently RAINERI's participation and operation of The Show Bar on behalf of his girlfriend, [redacted], and his participation in the affairs of the White Way Motel. If MATTRELLA is cooperative, all details of this would appear to be very significant to a possible Hobbs Act violation while acting under color of official right.

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DETROIT DIVISION

AT BESSEMER, MICHIGAN

Will interview prosecuting attorney, [redacted] regarding RAINERI's alleged request to fix a ticket involving an auto accident in which he, [redacted] and possibly a Show Bar entertainer were involved on 12/24/78. Obtain copies of accident report from Michigan State Police.

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From same source determine details of [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, and details of alleged statements by [redacted] relating to prostitution at the Show Bar and the involvement of [redacted] RAINERI. b6 b7C

AT IRON RIVER, MICHIGAN

Will conduct appropriate checks of local law enforcement, sources and direct investigation regarding the Jack-o'-Lantern Bar in an effort to determine alleged involvement of RAINERI [redacted] to pick up and transport dancers/prostitutes to Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT RENO, NEVADA

Will attempt to determine from newspaper morgues, public sources, etc. nature of legal conference held in that city in 9/78, allegedly attended by RAINERI. If possible, attempt to determine location RAINERI stayed and if any records exist indicating that he [redacted] b6 b7C

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will conduct arrest checks regarding [redacted] possibly [redacted] b6 b7C

Will identify location of telephone number [redacted] Based upon above information, will locate and interview [redacted] former bartender at the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted], regarding prostitution activities at the Show Bar, particularly [redacted] Judge ALEX RAINERI and RAINERI's presence at the Show Bar, hand in its operation and/or influence with law enforcement to allow it to operate. b6 b7C

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

Will interview officers of Brooke Inns, Inc., owners of Holiday Inn, Hurley, Wisconsin, regarding any financial dealings and arrangements with RAINERI [redacted] who is listed as company agent for liquor license at Holiday Inn listed in the name Brooke Beverages, Inc. Listed corporate officers are: b6 b7C

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AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

Will obtain from Secretary of State corporation registrations, annual reports, etc. (1975-present) regarding Ritz Bar, Inc., dba the Show Bar, Hurley; and White Way Motel Corporation, Hurley, and any minutes of 6/27/78 meeting of White Way Corporation which may exist on file. b6 b7C

Will obtain from State Supreme Court personal financial statement of RAINERI which he is required to file as a circuit judge. Also obtain from Wisconsin Department of Revenue copies of RAINERI's Wisconsin state income tax returns, 1975 - present.

AT PORT WASHINGTON, WISCONSIN

Will interview [redacted] former Hurley attorney, regarding his assumption of legal work from ALEX RAINERI when RAINERI assumed the bench and if any legal work for [redacted] the Show Bar was passed from RAINERI [redacted] Also determine any knowledge of [redacted] regarding RAINERI's relationship with [redacted] the Show Bar. b6 b7C

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AT HURLEY, WISCONSIN

Continue investigation regarding Judge ALEX RAINERI.

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ALEX J. RAINERI, 502 - 6th Avenue, Hurley, Wisconsin (home telephone 561-3873), Circuit Judge, Iron County, Wisconsin, was contacted at his office at the Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin (telephone 561-3434). RAINERI was readvised of the identity of the interviewing agent, with whom he was previously familiar, and was advised that an investigation was being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to allegations of Federal Public Corruption violations on his part in connection with his activities relating to the Show Bar, former Hurley, Wisconsin, establishment. RAINERI furnished the following information:

He has been Circuit Judge of Iron County at Hurley, Wisconsin, since January 1, 1978. Prior to that he was District Attorney of Iron County for 16-18 years, which was a part time position, allowing him to practice law on the side at the same time. As such he did civil work in Iron County, and was permitted to do defense work in other counties nearby, Ashland County being one in particular that he did a good deal of defense law practice. RAINERI advised that he was born on September 17, 1918, at Hurley, Wisconsin, and has his law degree from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

RAINERI advised that the Show Bar, corporate name Ritz Bar, Inc., was owned by JACK GASBARRI, with whom he, RAINERI, grew up, and was a very good friend, and RICHARD MATTRELLA, with whom RAINERI attended high school. The corporate name, Ritz Bar, Inc., was the name of a bar which RAINERI incorporated in the 1950's [redacted] in Hurley. GASBARRI and MATTRELLA ran the Carnival, their principal place of business in Hurley. They purchased the corporate name of [redacted] in the early 1960's. First they rented the premises from [redacted] and subsequently purchased it. They opened the Show Bar during busy seasons, running shows there, and operated both the

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Show Bar and the Carnival until the Carnival burned in 1962. They then moved into the Show Bar with their entire operation. GASBARRI and MATTRELLA were the sole stockholders of the Show Bar (Ritz Bar, Inc.). The Carnival had been a restaurant, bar, and featured strip shows, and was located in a single story building. The Show Bar was located in the old Francis Hotel, becoming a bar on the first floor, and renting out rooms above the bar to entertainers from the bar. JACK GASBARRI managed the Show Bar until he died in about November, 1975. After his death, [redacted] of the Show Bar. b6 b7C

RAINERI did some legal work for the corporation, though it also had other lawyers. He recalled that the Show Bar had trouble with music royalty administrators, insurance claims, bills, and other civil matters, which he handled for them. They also took some other civil work to CHARLIE SANTINI, an Ironwood, Michigan, attorney, who is now deceased. The income tax of the Show Bar was handled by [redacted] of Merrill, Wisconsin. They also used some lawyers in Kentucky, where they had other interests, to handle some of their legal matters, particularly criminal work. They were also represented in a criminal anti-racketeering matter by [redacted] of Milwaukee. b6 b7C

During the last years that JACK GASBARRI operated the Show Bar [redacted] skilled white entertainers became more high priced and as it was cheaper to hire black entertainers, this was commonly done. A number of these entertainers were basically prostitutes in addition to being dancers. He stated that this was not anything that the house got involved in or permitted to occur, to his knowledge, and [redacted] was always afraid of a prostitution arrest. She was constantly fighting with her employees, having trouble with their tendencies toward prostitution, and they threatened her with harm. b6 b7C

At the time RAINERI assumed the bench, he had no legal work going for the Show Bar, and there was no legal work turned over to any other attorney for that establishment. He has done no legal work for them since becoming judge.

On the day that JACK GASBARRI died, after a years terminal illness, RAINERI took him to the hospital. There JACK GASBARRI asked RAINERI if he would see that [redacted] This request was made because [redacted] was of [redacted] and he was worried she might have problems as a business woman. Since JACK's death, RAINERI has [redacted] both personally and when she would call him and ask for it. There was no fee involved. After he became judge he never went to the Show Bar, purposely staying away because of appearances. Though everyone assumes there [redacted] himself. [redacted] was living, RAINERI and his wife and [redacted] JACK often went on trips together. Since JACK's death RAINERI and his wife have taken [redacted] out to eat in the Hurley area a lot of times. RAINERI stated that he has traveled around town [redacted] and has often been seen in an automobile with her in Hurley. Because of this people around town have speculated that [redacted] has traveled to Duluth, Minnesota, with RAINERI and his wife, and before JACK's death they went out together every weekend for dinner. Since JACK's death, they have never traveled together outside of Hurley and he has not traveled [redacted] on business, either her business or his business. He has no interest in her business, and has never received a dime in payment from her.

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For about a year after JACK GASBARRI died, RAINERI and his wife went to the Show Bar regularly on Saturday nights to visit [redacted] Once he was elected judge, he stayed away from the Show Bar, breaking off this Saturday night ritual.

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RAINERI stated there is no truth to the allegation that he ever traveled [redacted] to any location to pick up dancers [redacted] establishment. He stated that [redacted] and he [redacted] so that [redacted] This was done before he became judge, and [redacted]

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RAINERI stated that [redacted] booked entertainers out of Madison, Wisconsin, and Oshkosh, Wisconsin, using booking agencies until they became prohibitively expensive about 1-1½ years ago. The names of these agencies were unknown to him. Her later method of recruiting entertainers was unknown to RAINERI. b6 b7C

RAINERI never kept any records or books for [redacted] She had a bookkeeper named [redacted] and then another whose name he could not recall in Ironwood, Michigan. They did her income tax records and other bookkeeping. She always did her banking business at the First National Bank of Ironwood, Michigan, located just across the state line from Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

Since he has become judge, he has had no prostitution cases before him. As District Attorney he had a number of prostitution cases presented to him, including some from the Show Bar, which was the last place of entertainment in Hurley. There were more problems, however, with B-girl complaints, which often occurred. When this happened he would notify the State Alcoholic Beverage Tax Division. He had nothing to do with any of the employees at the Show Bar, including soliciting persons for employment or hiring or firing.

The White Way Motel, located next-door to the Show Bar, was also owned by RICHARD MATTRELLA and JACK GASBARRI in the corporate name White Way Motel Corporation. This was incorporated when built in the late 1950's or early 1960's. RAINERI did no legal work on that. The motel was recently sold. RAINERI had no disagreement with [redacted] over that. b6 b7C

In connection with the sale of the Show Bar, RAINERI was going to loan money to the people who ultimately purchased it, for them to buy it. RAINERI stated that he would not loan the money unless [redacted] MATTRELLA would sign a quick claim deed and a deed from the corporation. He stated he wanted to know who were the true owners before he would invest money in this enterprise. He also wanted to know who were the dummy shareholders plus he wanted the entire situation cleared up prior to his investment. b6 b7C

A meeting of the shareholders of the White Way Motel Corporation was held in about 1978. Among those present were MATTRELLA, [redacted] the corporate bookkeeper, and a court reporter whom they had prepare the minutes of the meeting. RAINERI told them he wanted to see a true revelation of the stockholders and minutes of the meeting showing this. In the end [redacted] refused to sign a quick claim deed, and "the deal flopped." The present owners who purchased it borrowed money from the bank for the purchase and RAINERI loaned no money for its purchase, feeling "the deal was not kosher." He stated he anticipated future law suits in connection with the purchase. The new owners, in the business name, Interstate Projects Corporation, [redacted] both of Hurley, Wisconsin. RAINERI did attend this meeting to learn the result of his above request to clear up the situation, though he did not participate in the meeting, and told those present he could not because he could not practice law.

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RAINERI currently has no contact with [redacted] she having left Hurley, Wisconsin. He has not heard from her since June or July, 1979, and her current whereabouts are unknown.

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The Show Bar burned in about June or July, 1979, exact date unrecalled, and he does not know whether or not [redacted] has filed or received an insurance claim. He knows the building was insured through a state insurance pool, established to insure tavern buildings and other high risk buildings which are otherwise uninsurable. He has no knowledge of the cause of the fire, though he is aware that the fire marshal has investigated. He has heard rumors that MATTRELLA burned the building, and that [redacted]

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[redacted] as [redacted] in the motel, the Show Bar, [redacted] the Show Bar and she told RAINERI that she was breaking even. He recalled that the Show Bar was closed for three weeks before it burned, though the reason for its being closed for this period was unknown. [redacted] house is located on [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin.

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RAINERI stated that the Show Bar was a good business if it were run right, but because of [redacted] had business difficulties. [redacted] having just been [redacted] business. [redacted] did not have business skills. [redacted] JACK GASBARRI, [redacted] Carnival. JACK [redacted] in the 1960's after which [redacted] took no interest in the business. RAINERI noted that JACK GASBARRI died of cancer of the jaw after a lingering illness. He stated that [redacted] and had a hard time understanding [redacted] though [redacted] did pretty well in spite of [redacted] b6 b7C

RAINERI stated that he was aware that three of the girls dancing at the Show Bar were picked up in a jewelry store theft in Ironwood, Michigan. [redacted] told him that these three negro females went to the diamond shop and walked out with some rings. They were arrested by the Ironwood Police Department and jailed in the county jail in Bessemer, Michigan. One of the girls called [redacted] and told her that she wanted bail. [redacted] was not in agreement or supportive of them. These girls then said that if she did not make their bail they would "squawk" [redacted] say that [redacted] house of prostitution at the Show Bar and telling them that prostitution there was permissable. The police told the three girls that they should go to the District Attorney with their complaint and nothing ever came of this. [redacted] told him that the FBI had questioned her about this and about the fire. She said she has statements that the girls exonerated her. b6 b7C

RAINERI stated that a complaint could be made against him based upon appearances of wrongdoing by former Judge FRANK FASSINO. FASSINO filed 22 separate grievances against RAINERI with the State Bar Association, which culminated with RAINERI being reprimanded for three cases. One of these was a criminal case involving a procedural error, in which FASSINO alleged that RAINERI

had signed a blank complaint. RAINERI stated that he did not sign a blank complaint in that matter. The second case involving a deputy sheriff named [redacted] involved [redacted] Deputy [redacted] became involved in a [redacted] on the [redacted] by Mrs. [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] was RAINERI's client on [redacted] wanted criminal complaints against Mrs. [redacted] or favorable divorce settlement. RAINERI declined to issue criminal complaints. He sent [redacted] to the judge, then FASSINO, and no warrant was ever issued. They ultimately [redacted] RAINERI noted that his reprimand was a private one, not issued in public.

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He also noted that complaints could occur from the buyers or sellers in the White Way Motel situation, because RAINERI backed out of loaning the money for its purchase. RAINERI was aware that MATTRELLA [redacted] were the owners. One [redacted] a dummy shareholder, made the statement that JACK owed him money. Shareholders at the meeting felt that ALEX RAINERI was trying to give [redacted] favors at that meeting because [redacted] When JACK died there was no will and there were no children, and everything was left [redacted] JACK had an ex-wife and some [redacted] with whom he had no legal connection. DICKIE MATTRELLA knew who the true owners were and who the dummy owners were. DICK and JACK always said that they were the only true owners of the motel. They used the motel for loan guarantees on the Show Bar and other operations.

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Originally, when the motel was to be sold, the original asking price was $90,000. The buyers thought they could purchase the motel at $60,000, and told RAINERI they would give him an attractive interest rate if he could raise the money to finance it. They offered $60,000 for its purchase and RAINERI was to loan them the $60,000. RAINERI wanted a clean deal in the purchase and when he did not get it he backed out. He understands that the motel sale went through without the signature or participation of [redacted].

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RAINERI stated that he is not now an officer in any corporation nor was he ever an officer of any corporation when he was District Attorney. He has never been registered agent for any corporation, though he did do legal work to incorporate certain corporations.

RAINERI stated that he had no knowledge if the Show Bar had any connections with a place in Iron River, Michigan, though he knows that the dancers were on a circuit in the northern Wisconsin, northern Michigan, and Minnesota vicinity, including Duluth.

RAINERI stated that the shareholders of the White Way Motel Corporation did not know that RAINERI was a prospective buyer in the motel's sale. The only ones who know this are the buyers, [redacted] b6 [redacted] RAINERI's interest in purchasing the motel b7C was originally stated by RAINERI to [redacted] At the motel sale meeting shareholders arguments resulted in a split [redacted] DICKIE MATTRELLA.

RAINERI acknowledged that [redacted] b6 is agent on the liquor license at the Holiday Inn, Hurley, b7C Wisconsin. He stated that when the Holiday Inn was built the builders were looking for a resident agent, though she takes no active part in affairs at the motel, she is paid for the use of her name as agent. RAINERI stated that he takes no active part in the motel's operation or affairs and has no financial interest in it. He stated that the motel is owned by Brooke Inns, an Illinois corporation, and Mrs. [redacted] was arranged by one of RAINERI's lawyer friends, who called him up and arranged for [redacted] to be agent. For this she gets $300 per year.

RAINERI stated that circuit judges are required to file financial statements, which are public documents, with the State of Wisconsin Supreme Court. He stated that he is currently under investigation by the State Judicial Commission, following a written complaint being made that he has been practicing law while being a judge.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P) DATE: 12/20/79

FROM : SA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,
CIRCUIT JUDGE,
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Madison, Wisconsin, records reflect that current Wisconsin operators license #R560-0101-8337-08 is issued to ALEX J. RAINERI, DOB 9/17/18, SSAN 399-01-1145, 502 - 6th Avenue, Hurley, Wisconsin, a white male, 6'0", 200 pounds, brown eyes and hair, glasses. This license expires on 9/17/80 and is valid. Traffic record reflects that on 10/20/77 RAINERI was arrested for a traffic violation in the State of Michigan for which he was convicted on 11/18/77.

Similar records reflect that [redacted] of [redacted], Hurley, Wisconsin, is the holder of valid Wisconsin regular drivers license [redacted] expiring 8/3/80. [redacted] b6 b7C

State drivers license records reflect no license on file for [redacted] WHITNEY J. OSBOURNE, white male, DOB 9/10/27, or 7/5/16. b6 b7C

NCIC records reflected no wants in file regarding any of the above-listed individuals.

On 12/5/79, residence of [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin. The residence did not look to be currently occupied, as snow was piled in front of the front entrance. Observed handwritten on the garage door were the words [redacted], in red crayon or pen. b6 b7C

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[redacted] of Iron County, residing at [redacted] was interviewed at Hurley, Wisconsin, where he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He was [redacted] He had [redacted] prior to that. He believes that ALEX RAINERI, since having become judge, has continued to practice law on the side, particularly in connection with the Show Bar, operated by RAINERI's [redacted] He has submitted several complaints to the State of Wisconsin, Board of Attorney's Professional Responsibility and to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court regarding what he believes to be unethical conduct on the part of ALEX J. RAINERI, both while District Attorney and after becoming County Judge. He advised that on November 30, 1979, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, Board of Attorney's Professional Responsibility, [redacted] wrote a letter to him relating to these complaints, stating that ALEX RAINERI had received a private written reprimand for unprofessional conduct in connection with FASSINO's complaints. This concluded that organization's investigation. [redacted] complaints were (1), RAINERI when District Attorney signed a blank complaint form in a case of the State of Wisconsin versus [redacted] (2) improper conduct by RAINERI in connection with the affairs of the [redacted] (3), improper conduct in connection with a [redacted] one of whom was a deputy on the Iron County Sheriff's Department. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that ALEX RAINERI's older brother, JOE RAINERI, was the District Attorney in Iron County when prostitution and vice operations operated wide open in Hurley, Wisconsin. JOE left the area in the late 1940's, after which ALEX RAINERI came in as District Attorney. RAINERI's father ran a bar in the first block of Silver Street in Hurley, his name still appearing on the building in which that bar was housed.

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JACK GASBARRI formerly operated the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, along with RICHARD MATTRELLA, now of Covington, Kentucky, until JACK's death several years ago. After that his widow, [redacted] the Show Bar until it burned in early 1979. General Adjustment Bureau (GAB), Ironwood, Michigan, is handling the insurance adjustment relating to this fire. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that during [redacted] he could not recall any prostitution arrests [redacted] in Iron County Court. He stated that during this time ALEX RAINERI was District Attorney. He noted that this was a part time position, to which he strongly objected. He stated that this causes too much potential for conflict of interest on the part of the District Attorney, who often has to exercise a great deal of prosecutorial discretion. Among the items of improper conduct that he believed RAINERI guilty of was the fact that RAINERI, when part time District Attorney, submitted the total bills for his telephone, both public and private business, to Iron County [redacted] these bills being paid by the County. A number of former and current law enforcement officers in the Iron County vicinity believe that RAINERI and Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] have a close association, and are not to be trusted. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] of the Wisconsin State Patrol, now in the [redacted] and [redacted] Wisconsin, are among these individuals. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that ALEX RAINERI was an officer of the corporation of the Gentile Beer Distributor in Hurley and may still be an officer of that corporation. b6 b7C

[redacted] in Chicago who now lives in [redacted] Michigan, came to the Hurley area and [redacted] [redacted] legal incorporation and license work was handled by RAINERI. Later, [redacted] got into a fight in another bar, seriously injuring a [redacted] RAINERI would not issue a criminal complaint against [redacted] in that matter. Finally, current Sheriff ARTHUR CARLI was successful in

obtaining a disorderly conduct complaint against [redacted] on February 27, 1975, incorporation documents were filed on February 24, 1975, by ALEX RAINERI with the Secretary of State and were similarly filed with the Register of Deeds of Iron County on February 28, 1975. A complaint was made to the Bar Association Grievance Committee by a [redacted] relating to this incident. [redacted] believed that RAINERI had a conflict of interest in this situation. b6 b7C

[redacted] Wisconsin Division of Consumer Complaints Relating to the Real Estate Board, telephone [redacted] handled a complaint of La Blonde Realty Company, Hurley, Wisconsin, relating to sale by ALEX RAINERI of land belonging to the Northern Chief's Iron Company of Wausau, Wisconsin. [redacted] asked for a criminal complaint from former Marathon County District Attorney DANIEL LA ROCQUE against Northern Chief's. This case was dropped when LA ROCQUE became judge. At the time RAINERI sold the land for Northern Chief's he was also Iron County District Attorney, preparing all of the deeds on the property without a real estate license, which [redacted] felt was a conflict of interest. b6 b7C

[redacted] noted that there are other incidents involving members of the Iron County Sheriff's Department and the current Iron County District Attorney PAUL STURGUL, of which he is critical. He stated, however, that these incidents do not involve ALEX J. RAINERI. He stated that when RAINERI became Judge, he turned over all of his legal work to [redacted] of Ozaukee County, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that during the summer of 1979, ALEX RAINERI and [redacted] had a falling out, at which time [redacted] attempted to come to FASSINO for assistance. [redacted] however, feared that he was being "set up" by RAINERI and declined to assist Mrs. [redacted] with RAINERI. He stated that she is now residing in California with relatives, and would be happy to be of assistance in attempting to have [redacted] furnish information to the FBI regarding RAINERI. b6 b7C

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[redacted], Iron County Sheriff's Office, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that he is very familiar with ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Iron County. He knows RAINERI to have been [redacted] and to have been an old friend with "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, [redacted] deceased husband. [redacted] is familiar with the rumor that RAINERI [redacted] have [redacted] since JACK's death, and he knows that RAINERI spent a lot of time at the Show Bar, [redacted] establishment, spending as much as three or four evenings per week there. [redacted] stated that RAINERI's [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] believes that [redacted] ALEX RAINERI had a [redacted] in 1979 and [redacted] came to Hurley [redacted] During this disagreement, [redacted] ALEX RAINERI's car on the streets of Hurley, Wisconsin. A [redacted] is believed to be [redacted] of the Hurley Police Department. [redacted] has heard that a number of the members of the GASBARRI family in Hurley were upset with ALEX RAINERI in his dealings in connection with the sale of the White Way Motel, Hurley, feeling that they had been taken advantage of by RAINERI in that situation. He stated that he was aware that Mrs. [redacted] was the license holder of the liquor license at the [redacted] but he was not aware of her exact position with that establishment. He advised that the person to contact in regard to this is [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that records of the Iron County Sheriff's Office are incomplete, as when ART CARLI became sheriff several years ago he and [redacted] attempted to recreate the records from the incomplete records which were on file. Those records reflected as follows: b6 b7C

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ALBERT J. "BERT" STELLA, date of birth, July 7, 1908, Iron County SO #4385, former Chief of Police at Hurley, Wisconsin, worked after his retirement as janitor at the Show Bar until it burned in early 1979.

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JACK GASBARRI, date of birth, November ?, 1913, Iron County SO #171.

Mrs. JACK GASBARRI (LOIS ?), date of birth, September 5, 1913, Iron County SO #169.

JAMES GASBARRI, born July 26, 1906, at Capistrano, Italy, Iron County SO #170.

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LOUIS GASBARRI, date of birth not listed, Iron County SO #647.

[redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA, born January 9, 1917, at Hurley, Wisconsin, Iron County SO #364.

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WILLIAM MATTRELLA, also known as, TUCCI, born December 18, 1907, Iron County SO #365, now deceased.

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[redacted] advised that there were no arrest records on file regarding [redacted], ALEX RAINERI, [redacted] also known as, [redacted] He stated that [redacted] went to [redacted] in Ironwood, Michigan, and there should be records on file there regarding her. [redacted] furnished Iron County Sheriff's Office criminal offense reports regarding the above-described individuals. b6 b7C

He also furnished information relating to Iron County prostitution investigations, listed as follows:

[redacted] stated that arrests for prostitution were not made by the Iron County Sheriff's Department in recent years, but were referred to the State of Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

On January 31, 1978, a negro female registered at the Holiday Inn as [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] A check was run with the Aurora, Colorado, Police Department, determining that a [redacted] negro female, had been arrested by that department for traffic in 1974. b6 b7C

In January, 1978, [redacted] b6 b7C
residence at Hurley, Wisconsin, and working in prostitution out of the Silver Dollar, Hurley, and Holiday Inn, Hurley.

[redacted] residence and working out of the same locations was a [redacted] b6 b7C A record check reflected that [redacted] for [redacted] July 25, 1969, at [redacted] Iowa, for keeping house of ill-fame and prostitution; November 2, 1974, [redacted] Iowa (?), for [redacted] and on December 9, 1974, for [redacted] at [redacted] Iowa, receiving on October 27, 1975, [redacted] at [redacted] and [redacted] The most recent check in connection with a possible prostitution situation at Hurley was on March 15, 1979, when a female was checked determined to be driving a vehicle registered to [redacted] Wisconsin.

[redacted] also furnished a packet of miscellaneous notes relating to prostitution at Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

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TED ERSPAMER, Chief of Police, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised as follows:

Current Iron County Circuit Judge ALEX RAINERI was a very good friend of JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, who has been deceased approximately two years. GASBARRI operated the Show Bar on Silver Street in downtown Hurley, Wisconsin, until his death, after which [redacted] ALEX RAINERI, who was then District Attorney of Iron County, a part time position, was at the Show Bar quite a bit in the evenings, according to ERSPAMER's officers. ERSPAMER believed that this was before RAINERI became judge, and he stated that he was unaware of the frequency of RAINERI's presence at the Show Bar after he became judge. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER stated that he does not really know RAINERI's [redacted] "JACKPOT" GASBARRI's [redacted] though there has been a lot of small town talk suggesting RAINERI [redacted] ERSPAMER does not know RAINERI to be a regular visitor at [redacted] Before RAINERI became judge and when he was the District Attorney, he probably was [redacted] that RAINERI had handled. ERSPAMER stated that this was toward the end [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, during which time [redacted] that he did not put much stock in. [redacted] in Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER stated that the Show Bar was a strip joint, the strippers "hustling for drinks" and formerly having been in trouble as "B-girls". In the past he had received some complaints that the girls from the Show Bar would take male customers to Ironwood, Michigan, after hours for the purposes of prostitution. On one occasion

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he talked to [redacted] about this, and she stated that no prostitution was going on [redacted] and what the dancers did after hours was their own business. The only arrest involving employees or occupants of the Show Bar that ERSPAMER is aware of was an arrest in Ironwood, Michigan, of several girls who were staying upstairs above the Show Bar, these girls being arrested for a jewelry theft. Actually, ERSPAMER had arrested these woman for the Ironwood Police Department at the premises of the Show Bar, asking them to voluntarily go to Ironwood which they did. There have been no recent prostitution arrests in Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER stated that [redacted] the Show Bar, which was open intermittently over the last few years until it burned down in early 1979. There were [redacted] he recalled was a man named [redacted] of Ironwood, Michigan, [redacted] ERSPAMER stated that the city of Hurley licenses bartenders, but does not license dancers. Most employees that ERSPAMER could remember at the Show Bar [redacted] three black female dancers, employed at the same time. ERSPAMER believed that the girls working in the bar came from Milwaukee, learning this in connection with the [redacted], the records of which are being maintained by the District Attorney as his [redacted] had just started business at [redacted] shortly before he [redacted] b6 b7C

ERSPAMER opined that the Show Bar did not have much business in recent years, being outdated and directed to the older hunters and businessmen rather than the newer ski crowds which have been taking over Hurley. Individuals from these crowds are not interested in nude dancing such as was featured at the Show Bar. ERSPAMER checked and determined that the Show Bar burned on April 20, 1979. This fire has been investigated by [redacted] for the State of Wisconsin. On b6 b7C

the next day, immediately after the fire, the walls of the establishment were pushed in upon the order of the mayor of the city of Hurley, which was handled by the city crew. As a result of the fire, all of the building collapsed into the basement except the walls, which were pushed in on top of the building's remains.

On one occasion in the summer of 1979 when [redacted] ALEX RAINERI [redacted] had wanted to talk to RAINERI and [redacted] RAINERI's [redacted] RAINERI's car was slightly damaged, but he made no damage claim. ERSPAMER personally handled the accident, and stated that he could not find any report having been prepared of the incident. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER obtained city records relating to bartenders at the Show Bar for the year 1978, which reflected the following to have been bartenders:

[redacted] age [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted], age [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin [redacted]

[redacted] age [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin.

[redacted] age [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan [redacted] [redacted] Hurley until recently sold). b6 b7C

[redacted] age [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin.

[redacted] age [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan.

[redacted] age [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan.

ERSPAMER further advised that to run a bar the bar needs a city liquor license, in addition to the license that each bartender is required to have. Both such licenses are passed upon by the City Council.

ERSPAMER stated that [redacted] is believed now to be [redacted] BURT STELLA, former Hurley Chief of Police, recently came in and picked up some things to [redacted] Before [redacted] with a [redacted] who is now staying in Ironwood, Michigan, and [redacted] and ERSPAMER believes that [redacted] wrote things on [redacted] after she left. [redacted] was mad at [redacted] because he had [redacted] and believed she had [redacted] was arrested by the Hurley Police Department but was never prosecuted by the District Attorney. b6 b7C

About three or four times before the fire that ultimately destroyed the Show Bar, [redacted] the Police Department with [redacted] The last such report was one day prior to the terminal fire. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER is familiar with RICHARD MATTRELLA, also known as, DICKIE, who was arrested by the FBI in the 1950's, and who now resides in Kentucky. He believed MATTRELLA operates a place in Ashland, Kentucky. MATTRELLA and JACK GASBARRI were partners in business in Hurley, Wisconsin, after which MATTRELLA went to Kentucky and they also owned a place in partnership. Later "JACKPOT" GASBARRI stayed in Hurley, and MATTRELLA took care of the Kentucky place, living there. It was not known to ERSPAMER if MATTRELLA and GASBARRI actually split their assets at that time or if GASBARRI maintained an interest in the Kentucky properties.

ERSPAMER advised that an [redacted] is unknown to him. He stated that [redacted], who now lives in Ironwood, Michigan, is a drunk who hung around all of the joints in Hurley, but he never knew her to work at the Show Bar. b6 b7C

He is familiar with the fact that Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] ALEX RAINERI, [redacted] the Holiday b6 b7C

Inn liquor license in Hurley. He stated that the corporation owning the Holiday Inn in Hurley is from out of state, but has an individual from Wisconsin hold the liquor license. He stated that there are a few other establishments like this in Hurley.

ERSPAMER stated that [redacted] WHITNEY OSBOURNE, 14 Silver Street, are unknown to him. b6 b7C

ERSPAMER made available records of Alcohol Beverage License applications for Ritz Bar, Inc., or the premises of the Show Bar, 28 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, the most recent applications being for the period July 1, 1978, - June 30, 1978. These applications listed corporate president to be [redacted], Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] Michigan; vice president WHITNEY JACK OSBOURNE, 14 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, born July 5, 1916, at Minocqua, Wisconsin; secretary and agent ALBERT STELLA, 9th Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, born July 7, 1907, at Ironwood, Michigan, directors to be the above three individuals. b6 b7C

The 1976 application reflected a corporate officer to be ANTON DI GIORGIO, Route 1, Hurley, Wisconsin, date of birth June 25, 1913, (vice president). The 1975 application reflected vice president, secretary, treasurer and agent, to be [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin. ERSPAMER advised that [redacted] LOUIE GASBARRI, brother of "JACKPOT". LOUIE managed the White Way Motel, located next-door to the Show Bar on Silver Street in Hurley, Wisconsin, until it was recently sold. "JACKPOT" GASBARRI was among the owners of the White Way Motel. b6 b7C

A further review of Alcohol Beverage License applications required going back to 1965 to find the name JACK GASBARRI, 182 - 1st Avenue South, Hurley, Wisconsin, as being among the officers of the Ritz Bar, Inc. Recent applications were notarized on May 16, 1978, and again on May 24, 1978, by ALEX RAINERI.

ERSPAMER also made available application for liquor license for the period July 1, 1979 - June, 30, 1980, for the Holiday Inn, under the corporate name Brooke Beverages, Inc., P. O. Box 546, Janesville, Wisconsin. Corporate officers were indicated to be:

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ERSPAMER advised that ALBERT STELLA, Chief of Police in Hurley from 1950 until 1968, was the [redacted] to [redacted] having the [redacted] and being the person most likely to know of [redacted] b6 b7C

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Date of transcription 12/11/79

PAUL STURGUL, District Attorney of Iron County, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that he is familiar with ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Iron County, Wisconsin, before whom he regularly appears in court. He stated that since RAINERI has become judge he has no information regarding any political corruption or other unlawful activities on the part of RAINERI. STURGUL advised that he is familiar with [redacted]. [redacted] who was [redacted] of ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] Show Bar located on Silver Street in downtown Hurley, which STURGUL described as "Hurley's last cat house." STURGUL advised that BERT STELLA was the registered agent for the Ritz Bar, corporate name of the Show Bar. STURGUL stated that he has never had a complaint of prostitution come before him since he became District Attorney January 1, 1978. He stated he has never had any formal complaints regarding the Show Bar. b6 b7C

A partner of [redacted] JACK GASBARRI, in the Show Bar and other business operations was a RICHARD MATTRELLA, who also operated the Galaxy Bar in Newport, Kentucky. STURGUL stated that he is aware that MATTRELLA has been arrested a number of times, including having a conviction for white slave trafficking. MATTRELLA has an [redacted] from Chicago, who continues to reside in Hurley. MATTRELLA was convicted following the same Federal grand jury investigation in 1973 in which [redacted] was also convicted. [redacted] who currently resides at [redacted] Wisconsin, was believed to be behind the attempt of [redacted] to open a bar in downtown Hurley, [redacted] acting as a front man for [redacted] It was mentioned in the Hurley City Council that [redacted] wants to set up a cat house in Hurley. b6 b7C

STURGUL stated that he would cooperate in any way with an FBI investigation involving Judge ALEX RAINERI and political corruption in Iron County.

Investigation on 12/5/79 at Hurley, Wisconsin File # MI 194-35-23

by SA [redacted]:hah Date dictated 12/10/79 b6 b7C

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INSTRUCTIONS

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3. Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI number not available.
5. Indicate office for reply in lower right corner only. Also list in lower right corner all offices which should receive copies of available records. Include carbon of FD-9 for each office receiving copies and forward with original to Bureau.
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To: DIRECTOR, FBI Attention: Identification Division Date 12-7-79

Re ALEX J. RAINERI
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION Field File No. 194-35

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name ALEX J. RAINERI 12-17-79 FBI No.
Other No.
Aliases

Sex	Race	Birth Date	Birthplace	Residence
M	W	9-17-18	HURLEY, WIS.	HURLEY, WIS.

Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Also Furnish:
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Identification Division's Reply
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I, [redacted], having been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of the premises hereinafter mentioned without a search warrant and of my right to refuse to consent to such a search, hereby authorize [redacted], and other, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to conduct a complete search of my premises located at [redacted]. These agents are authorized by me to take from my premises any letters, papers, materials or other property which they may desire.

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This written permission is being given by me to the above-named Special Agents voluntarily and without threats or promises of any kind.

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LOS ANGELES ROUTINE 014-0544Z

LOUISVILLE ROUTINE 015-0244Z

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ALEX J. REINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION.

RE MILWAUKEE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE (COVINGTON RA) JAN. 9, 1980.

FOR INFO CINCINNATI, CAPTIONED JUDGE UNDER INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ACTIVITIES BEHIND THE SCENES ASSISTING IN OPERATION OF THE SHOW BAR, HURLEY, WISCONSIN, A NUDE DANCING BAR AND KNOWN FOR PROSTITUTION, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI WHO FOUNDED THE CLUB, IS NOW RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES AND IS FURNISHING EXTENSIVE INFO TO LOS ANGELES AGENTS INDICATING THAT REINERI HANDLED OPERATIONS OF BAR AFTER JACKPOT'S DEATH, INCLUDING TRAVELING TO VARIOUS

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LOCATIONS TO PICK UP DANCERS/PROSTITUTES AND SKIMMING CASH FROM DAILY RECEIPTS. [redacted] HAS ALSO ADVISED THAT REINERI HAS AT LEAST ONE STOLEN TELEVISION IN HIS HURLEY RESIDENCE, OBTAINED AROUND 1973 FROM RICHARD MATTRELLA, OWNER OF GALAXIE CLUB, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY. [redacted] ADMITTED ALSO POSSESSING SIMILAR STOLEN TELEVISION GIVEN TO JACKPOT BY MATTRELLA AND FOR COOPERATING TOWARD OBTAINING SEARCH WARRANT FOR REINERI'S RESIDENCE. b6 b7C

CONTACT WITH COVINGTON RA REFLECTED THAT ON MARCH 6, 1973, U.S. MAGISTRATE ROBERT C. CETRULO, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY, ISSUED SEARCH WARRANT FOR GALAXIE CLUB SEEKING UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MOTOROLA QUASAR COLOR TELEVISIONS STOLEN FROM A PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD CAR AT CINCINNATI, OHIO, BETWEEN JAN. 28, 1973, AND FEB. 10, 1973, STOLEN WHILE TRAVELING IN INTERSTATE SHIPMENT. SEARCH RESULTED IN LOCATION OF NUMEROUS STOLEN TELEVISIONS AND ELECTRONIC ITEMS IN MATTRELLA'S POSSESSION BUT ABOVE QUASARS NOT LOCATED. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION INDICATED MATTRELLA WAS TRANSPORTING STOLEN ITEMS TO HURLEY, WISCONSIN.

CINCINNATI REVIEW FILES AND OBTAIN EXACT DESCRIPTIONS, MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS AND DETAILS OF THEFT, AND FURNISH THESE, INCLUDING PERTINENT FD-302'S AND COPY OF ORIGINAL THEFT REPORTS

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VIA FACSIMILE TO MILWAUKEE.

LOUISVILLE AT COVINGTON. ASSIST CINCINNATI IN LOCATION OF ABOVE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS.

[redacted] IF POSSIBLE IN INTERVIEWS OF [redacted] OBTAIN SWORN WRITTEN STATEMENT TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF REINERI'S POSSESSION OF STOLEN TELEVISION(S) AND FURNISH VIA FACSIMILE TO MILWAUKEE FOR POSSIBLE ATTACHMENT TO SEARCH WARRANT COMPLAINT.

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ALEX J. REINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION; OO: MILWAUKEE

RE MILWAUKEE TEL DATED JANUARY 15, 1980.

FOR INFORMATION OF MILWAUKEE AND LOUISVILLE, INDICES CHECK ON ALEX J. REINERI, RICHARD MATTRELLA, JACK GISBARRI, [redacted] AND THE THEFT OF MOTOROLA QUASAR TELEVISION SETS FROM A PENN-CENTRAL RAILROAD CAR IN CINCINNATI BETWEEN JANUARY 28, 1973, AND FEBRUARY 10, 1973, PROVED NEGATIVE.

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UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, CINCINNATI WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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To: SAC MI 194-35

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CG [redacted]

I, [redacted], hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and SA [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been advised by SA [redacted] that I am being interviewed in connection with allegations of wrongdoings by Alex J. Rainieri, Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wisconsin. I presently reside at [redacted] and was born on [redacted] and I can read and write English.

Sometime during the early to mid 1970's I learned from [redacted], CG Jack Gasparri and Richard MaHaella that Richard MaHaella had recently purchased approximately 40 stolen color General Electric Television (TV) sets from a person (name unknown) in Kentucky. MaHaella therefore stored the TV sets at [redacted] which was located next to [redacted] located at [redacted]

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Shortly thereafter, [redacted], who resides at [redacted], Hurley, Wisconsin, rented a U-Haul trailer and transported the stolen TVs from Kentucky to Hurley, Wisconsin. In return, [redacted] received one of the stolen TVs from Mathella. The stolen TV sets were then stored at the White Wing Motel in Hurley, Wisconsin. I am of the belief that Mathella was selling the stolen TVs from the White Wing Motel due to the TV sets slow disappearance. Also Alex Rainieri and Richard Mathella personally advised me that they were selling the stolen TV sets out of the White Wing Motel.

I currently have two small G.E. Colos TV sets which are located in the guest bedroom of my home located at: [redacted]. I

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received one set from Mathiella knowing that the TV set was stolen property and that the serial number had been removed by Louie Gasbarri. I am aware

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of this because Mathrella personally told me that sets were stolen and should be kept hidden.

Alex Rainer advised me that he received 3 of the stolen TV sets from Mathrella in the early part of the 1970's and that he did not have to pay money for them. Rainer gave me one of the TVs which is currently located in the same room of my house with the set I received from Mathrella. Rainer placed the other two TV sets in his home located at 502 Sixth Ave. Hurley, Wisconsin. One set, a large color GE [redacted] and the other small color GE TV was placed into his basement [redacted] Rainer's home as one would enter the hallway. The TV set in his basement is identical to the 2 sets located in my bedroom. I am aware that Rainer received the TV sets and placed them in his home because I observed them in the above mentioned locations in the early 1970's and in the fall of 1978.

Rainer's home is a one story house of wood structure, white in color with a 2 car

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attached garage.

I have read this 4 page statement, have initialed all corrections, and it is entirely true and correct.

X [redacted] 1-15-1980

Witness: [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

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ENCLOSED UNDER SEPARATE COVER FOR LOS ANGELES ARE FGJ SUBPOENAES FOR [redacted] [redacted] APPEARANCE AT MADISON, WISCONSIN.

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LOS ANGELES [redacted] IS REQUESTED TO SERVE ABOVE FGJ SUBPOENAES.

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On January 15, 1980, RICHARD MATTRELLA advised Special Agent [redacted] as follows: b6 b7C

In early 1973, an FBI search warrant was served on RICHARD MATTRELLA at Newport, Kentucky. At about that time, MATTRELLA purchased fifteen - nineteen used colored television sets which he said he knew were stolen when purchased. He stated intent for them to be used in the White Way Motel, Hurley, Wisconsin, in which he was a partner with JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI. GASBARRI, accompanied by [redacted] [redacted], brought the stolen television sets to Hurley, Wisconsin, in his station wagon. As there were more than would fit in the station wagon, they were accompanied by an individual from Kentucky, driving a U-Haul truck carrying the remainder. Shortly after arrival in Hurley, JACKPOT heard about some "heat" regarding the television sets and disposed of them, never using them in the motel. GASBARRI told this individual that he had given two of these stolen television sets to ALEX RAINERI, then District Attorney of Iron County, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] /jl Date dictated 1/16/80 b6 b7C

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Date January 22, 1980

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-359)
ATTENTION: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-00)

SUBJECT: CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS
QUARTERLY SURVEY

Re Bureau airtels to Albany dated 3/27/79 and 6/18/79;
Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 10/12/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of a Public Corruption Survey, First Quarter, Fiscal Year 1980, which pertains to the following cases:

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BUREAU OF QUALITY COMPLIANCE FOR NURSING HOMES
HEARTHSIDE NURSING HOME
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ALEX J. RAINERI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (B)
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IDENTITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND POSITION HELD

Alex J. Raineri
Circuit Judge
Hurley, Wisconsin

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SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF FACTS AND STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Circuit Judge Raineri's [redacted] Jack "Jackpot" Gasbarri from Hurley's infamous era of gambling and prostitution. b6 b7C

During the time that Raineri has served as part-time District Attorney for 18 years, and as Circuit Judge for the past 2 years, he has also been the behind-the-scenes operator of the "Show Bar," corporately known as the "Ritz Bar, Inc., a nude dancing establishment in which the dancers were also prostitutes,

[redacted] The Show Bar was destroyed under suspicious circumstances in April, 1979; however, no insurance claim has ever been filed. b6 b7C

Raineri has allegedly been involved in operating decisions of the business. [redacted] Raineri on judicial functions, which trips were alleged to have also been used to transport prostitutes to the Show Bar. Raineri also "chaired" a meeting of stockholders in the White Way Motel, where reported acts of prostitution are supposed to have taken place. Raineri is also supposed to possess stolen merchandise, including a television set. b6 b7C

RESULTS OF PROSECUTION

None.

AREA OF IMPACT

None to date.

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[redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

As a realtor, he listed for sale the property consisting of the White Way Motel located at 100 Silver Street, Hurley, initially listing this property for sale for $90,000. At the request of White Motel Corporation President RICHARD MATTRELLA, in 1978 [redacted] did an appraisal of the White Way Motel and assisted shareholders of the corporation at arriving at this sales figure. The White Way Motel was ultimately sold for $66,500 to Interstate Projects Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation locally represented by [redacted]. The sale contract was dated March 28, 1979, which was the date of their offer to purchase at this amount, and the sale was closed on June 21, 1979, all dealings being concluded on July 25, 1979. There was no indication of financing in the offer to purchase. After all of the corporate bills were paid, the corporation received $29,577.14 which was forwarded to [redacted], Ironwood, Michigan, [redacted] Though the sale was discussed with several other potential buyers, some of whom examined the motel, [redacted] was not aware of any other actual offers to purchase. On the sale [redacted] earned a commission, having listed the property exclusively in the Hurley area, though another broker in Milwaukee also had listed it at the same price. The asking price was never lowered, a lower offer to purchase was simply accepted. [redacted] attended two meetings of the shareholders of the White Way Motel Corporation, one to approve the sale and another annual meeting. He was present at their meeting on April 23, 1979, when the offer to purchase was accepted by the corporate shareholders. He has a copy of minutes of this meeting approving the sale. At [redacted] insistence an attorney was present at the meeting, whom they had retained to represent them in the sale.

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Regarding the sale of the White Way Motel, [redacted] no dealings whatsoever with ALEX J. RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Iron County, Wisconsin. [redacted] at one time asked RAINERI how he could get in touch with [redacted] one of the stockholders of White Way, whom he was having trouble contacting. At that time [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, though she has since left. RAINERI stated that [redacted] was unlisted and did not particularly assist [redacted] in contacting her. [redacted] the meeting to approve the sale, though [redacted] had sent her a registered [redacted]

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Relating to the $29,577.14 disbursed, [redacted] was present at another meeting but did not participate following a fire that consumed the Show Bar located next door to the White Way Motel. At that meeting RICHARD MATTRELLA claimed that the White Way Motel had experienced smoke damage from the fire, and he had turned in a claim to the insurance company in the amount of $3,800 for these damages. MATTRELLA hoped to collect this claim either personally or by the stockholders of the White Way Motel Corporation. This was after the acceptance of the offer to purchase, and [redacted] advised MATTRELLA that the purchaser had the right to claim any damages collected rather than MATTRELLA or the original corporation. [redacted] asked for a letter from MATTRELLA which MATTRELLA signed signing over the rights to collect any damages to the purchaser. No damages were ever collected, and it was not really a legitimate claim. [redacted] stated he was not present when the disbursements of the $29,577.14 were made. He stated that he does not have the minutes book of the meetings of the White Way Motel Corporation and had no idea who might have such a book. The attorney for the motel corporation was [redacted] of Ironwood, Michigan.

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[redacted] advised that ALEX RAINERI did represent JACK GASBARRI prior to GASBARRI's death and continued to furnish legal representation [redacted]

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JACK's death. He had no knowledge whether or not this legal representation terminated upon RAINERI's becoming Iron County Circuit Judge.

[redacted] furnished copies of the following: b6 b7C

Minutes of annual meeting of the Board of Directors of White Way Motel, Inc. on April 23, 1979.

Minutes of annual meeting of shareholders, White Way motels, Inc. also held on April 23, 1979.

Resolution of White Way Motels, Inc. to sell the motel property, April 23, 1979.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF WHITE WAY MOTELS, INC.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of White Way Motels, Inc. for the year 1979 was held at Hurley, Wisconsin on April 23, 1979 at 11:10 A.M., pursuant to written notice sent to all of the Stockholders and Directors and annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

Present were the following Directors, namely: [redacted] Lois Gasbarri. Absent was Richard Mattrella. b6 b7C

By unanimous vote the following persons were elected to the offices indicated to hold office immediately and expiring on April 30, 1980, to-wit: Richard Mattrella, president; [redacted] Lois Gasbarri, secretary-treasurer. b6 b7C

The above officers then ratified and confirmed the action taken by the Stockholders held immediately prior to confirm the sale of the motel real and personal property. In the absence of president Richard Mattrella said [redacted] Lois Gasbarri as secretary-treasurer were authorized to sign the required legal documents, namely a Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale. b6 b7C

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned.

APPROVED:

[redacted]

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LOIS GASBARRI, Secretary

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: That White Way Motels, Inc. sell the Motel property described as Lots 6, 7 and east one-half of Lot 8, Block 8, of the Original Plat of the City of Hurley, Wisconsin, including the personal property used in the operation of said motel business, for the total sum of $66,500.00, subject to a Security Agreement with the Gogebic National Bank, Ironwood, Michigan for ten television sets, Loan Number 98377-5 in the amount of $2,028.86, and that the Vice President and Secretary of said Corporation be authorized to sign the Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale conveying said property to Interstate Projects Corporation, Inc., Hurley, Wisconsin.

The foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of action taken by more than a two-thirds majority of the Stockholders present at a meeting of White Way Motels, Inc., held in Hurley, Wisconsin on April 23, 1979.

Lois Gasbarri (SEAL)
Lois Gasbarri, Secretary

WHITE WAY MOTELS, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The annual meeting of Shareholders of White Way Motels, Inc., for the year 1979 was held at the office of the corporation at Hurley, Wisconsin on Monday, April 23, 1979 at 10:30 A.M., pursuant to written notice served upon the Stockholders and annexed to the minutes of this meeting.

Present were the following Shareholders, being the owners of a majority of the outstanding shares, and constituting a quorum, namely: [redacted]; those not present but represented by proxy were as follows: Richard Mattrella (62 shares) by his proxy, [redacted] by his proxy, [redacted] by his proxy, [redacted] Lois Gasbarri, Power of Attorney. Total number of shares represented - 217. b6 b7C

Those not represented personally or by proxy were as follows: [redacted] James Gasbarri, deceased, (50 shares). Total outstanding shares are 335. b6 b7C

Also present for the meeting were [redacted] Louis Gasbarri, Motel Manager. b6 b7C

In the absence of the president, Richard Mattrella, it was moved by Lois Gasbarri and seconded [redacted] be appointed to act as Chairman of the meeting and that Mr. [redacted] act as recording secretary of said meeting. This motion was passed unanimously by those present or by proxy on roll call by the Acting Chairman. b6 b7C

It was further moved by Lois Gasbarri and seconded by [redacted] that the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting on June 27, 1978 be waived, and further that notice of this meeting by placed on file together with any proxy statements for those not present. Motion unanimously passed. b6 b7C

There was a discussion about electing new Directors and Officers for the ensuing year. By unanimous vote, the following persons were elected Directors, to hold office until the next annual meeting of Shareholders, or until the election and qualifications of their successors: Richard Mattrella, [redacted] and Lois Gasbarri. b6 b7C

Mr. [redacted] gave a report concerning tentative sale of the real and personal property of the corporation to Interstates Projects Corporation, Inc., of Hurley, Wisconsin. The total sales price, subject to approval of the Shareholders was $66,500.00 subject to closing costs and expenses as shown on the closing statement leaving a balance due the corporation of $60,627.00. There were certain outstanding current obligations to creditors estimated to April 30, 1979 in the total sum of $7,126.81 which would be paid from the proceeds of sale. In addition, the Chicago Title Insurance Company will issue title insurance in the amount of $65,000.00 for a premium of $356.75. A proposed resolution to sell the motel property was read to the Stockholders, and a copy of said resolution is attached and made a part of these minutes. b6 b7C

A motion was made by Lois Gasbarri and seconded [redacted] that the sale of the corporate motel property be consummated as outlined by [redacted] A roll call vote was taken and the results as follows: [redacted] voted yes (50 votes); Richard Mattrella by proxy voted yes (62 votes); [redacted] by proxy voted yes (50 votes); [redacted] by proxy voted yes (40 votes); [redacted] by his Attorney in Fact voted yes (15 votes). Those not present and not voting were as follows: [redacted] and James Gasbarri, deceased, (50 votes). Results: Yes-217, Not voting-118. There being more than two-thirds majority of the Stockholders present, the motion to sell the corporate property was approved. The appropriate officers, namely the vice-president and secretary were authorized to sign a Deed and Bill of Sale to consummate the transaction. b6 b7C

A brief discussion followed concerning the payment of any other outstanding expenses of the business prior to transfer to the new owners. A motion by Lois Gasbarri seconded [redacted] that Mr. [redacted] be authorized to deduct and pay all necessary outstanding expenses of said business up to the date of closing, and that the balance be paid to the corporation to be deposited in escrow at the First National Bank of Ironwood, Michigan in an interest bearing account. The said funds remaining on hand over and above that needed to defray necessary expenses shall be held in said account until further meeting or action by the Directors. b6 b7C

The Stockholders meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

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LOIS GASBARRI, Secretary-Treasurer

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[redacted], furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He handled the accounting work for the Show Bar, corporate name Ritz Bar, Inc., Hurley, Wisconsin, obtaining it among other it among other accounts from an accountant named [redacted] from Ironwood when [redacted] moved from the area approximately four years ago. The Show Bar was among approximately 20 of [redacted] clinets purchased [redacted]. At that time the Show Bar's owner JOHN GASBARRI, also known as JACKPOT, was still living, though he had cancer and was dying. He lived for approximately one year while [redacted] handled the Show Bar's accounting, and after his death [redacted] and was [redacted] had a hard time getting [redacted] In about the beginning of 1978, they had [redacted] turned over to [redacted] This included the [redacted] as well as the Show Bar's daily accounting work. b6 b7C

[redacted] knows ALEX RAINERI of Hurley, currently Circuit Judge of Iron County, Wisconsin. He never had any direct personal contact with RAINERI, though he often saw him around the Show Bar and at the White Way Motel. RAINERI was at both locations in order [redacted], all of these instances being after JACKPOT's death. Before that time [redacted] only dealt directly with JACKPOT and had no connection at all with RAINERI. When JACK died, ALEX RAINERI [redacted] in straightening out JACK's estate and afterward in the operation of the Show Bar. On occasion, [redacted] would [redacted] pay certain bills or to take care of certain business. [redacted] would be to [redacted] ALEX. [redacted] was unaware of whether RAINERI [redacted] but he definitely was aware of the daily business of the Show Bar. [redacted] b6 b7C

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has heard that RAINERI has [redacted] to Milwaukee in order to pick up girls for the Show Bar. This may be known to [redacted], JACKPOT's [redacted] an employee of the Show Bar for many years. All of these individuals may be reluctant to furnish this information, but it is general knowledge in the community. b6 b7C

[redacted] for the White Way Motel Corporation until it was sold in the summer of 1979. This was after the demise of the Show Bar in a fire about May or June, 1979. In about June, 1978, or slightly before, the decision was made to sell the White Way Motel. This was made at a shareholders meeting at the White Way Motel in which ALEX RAINERI was in attendance and had a court reporter come to the motel to take minutes of the meeting. [redacted] was not in attendance at this meeting but has since attended a couple of stockholders meetings where this was mentioned. RAINERI was present at 1979 meetings to [redacted] and was an active participant in such meetings. He is aware that RAINERI's participation in the White Way Motel Corporation meetings is not found on the minutes as recorded by the court reporter, though RAINERI is once referred to in these minutes. LOUIE GASBARRI or RICHARD MATTRELLA may have the minute book for the White Way Motel Corporation; the June, 1978, meeting minutes are recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds at the courthouse in Hurley. These were filed there by [redacted]. At these meetings ALEX RAINERI was in favor of the sale of the motel and was advising [redacted] to go along with it. [redacted] To the best of [redacted] knowledge, RAINERI was not a stockholder. Those stockholders, all of whom should appear in the minute book, were [redacted]; DICK MATTRELLA, who resides in Kentucky and was boss; LOUIE GASBARRI; JACKPOT; JACKPOT's deceased father; LOIS GASBARRI [redacted] b6 b7C b6 b7C b6 b7C

During the early period they were talking about the sale, there were no prospective buyers, though later [redacted] obtained such buyers, and Attorney [redacted] of Ironwood represented the White Way Motel. [redacted] has heard that the buyers started to negotiate with ALEX RAINERI regarding the purchase of the White Way Motel, as RAINERI was reportedly going to finance their purchase. These buyers have a lot of other businesses, though not a lot of capital. The sale was going along well, and these people were not negotiating with a bank, so apparently their financing was assured. There was then a delay because they had to negotiate with a bank for financing, and [redacted] heard that ALEX RAINERI had backed out of financing their project. [redacted] has heard, though he cannot prove, that RAINERI called these buyers to let them know that the motel was for sale for around $65,000. The starting price for the sale had been over $100,000, and on the real estate market it started at around $90,000. The sale was ultimately dropped to around $65,000, which was a good deal for a 20 unit motel, though it needed work. [redacted] has heard that RAINERI called [redacted] the ultimate buyer to tell him when it reached $65,000. At the meetings of the White Way Motel Corporation, RAINERI said that they should sell because the place was not making a profit and needed renovations to make money. Because of this, they might as well sell it rather than embark on these renovations. He favored a sale if a buyer could be found. RAINERI was not supposed to be practicing law, but he has always been [redacted] while JACKPOT had been alive. [redacted] did not think that RAINERI had used his position as judge to influence the sale of the motel to the new buyers. There was some haggling at the stockholders meetings over who were true stockholders. JACK's first wife, LOIS GASBARRI, was there as a proxy [redacted]

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As [redacted] for the White Way Motel, [redacted] could say that the company was legitimately not making money, which he could prove by the last tax return

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of August 31, 1979. When JACKPOT died, DICK MATTRELLA was still in prison, and from that time on there had been no management or direction to the operation of the motel. There was no advertising to get customers. At one meeting of the stockholders while ALEX RAINERI was judge, both he and Attorney [redacted] were present. These were not public meetings. At one meeting [redacted] but ALEX RAINERI was there [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that both were very interesting companies to work for. He did the [redacted] for the Show Bar in the name Ritz Bar, Inc. on December 31, 1975, which was signed by [redacted] When JACKPOT had been living he had signed all corporate papers, and afterward [redacted] corporate papers. The taxes required a signature of an officer of the corporation. [redacted] did not know who the officers of the Ritz Bar Corporation were and stated that he has never heard of or met ALBERT STELLA, [redacted] WHITNEY OSBOURNE. [redacted] examined his records and stated that these records do show ALBERT STELLA on both the Michigan and Wisconsin domestic annual and corporate reports of 1976, showing him as President with an address of 224 Cary Road, Hurley. These records also reflect the [redacted] to be [redacted], Wisconsin, and [redacted] stated that he does know [redacted] LOUIS GASBARRI. [redacted] noted that the names JOHN GASBARRI, [redacted] RICHARD MATTRELLA are not present on corporate records, though he conducted all of his business regarding the corporation with JACK GASBARRI [redacted] stated that he thinks JACK GASBARRI must have had a will because he knew he was dying for about a year. [redacted] stated that he does not know if such a will actually existed or what the terms of it were. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he does not know ALEX RAINERI to be a member of any corporation that he has done accounting for. He stated that he is unaware of b6 b7C

who supplied the liquor for the Show Bar but stated that records of this should exist in the disbursements journal, or this may be known to [redacted] of Ironwood, to whom [redacted] decided to take the corporate accounting business some time between March and December of 1976. He noted that all bills were paid by JACK or [redacted] Both the Show Bar and the White Way Motel did their banking at the First National Bank, Ironwood.

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[redacted] Michigan [redacted] advised as follows: b6 b7C

He [redacted] for the Show Bar, corporate name Ritz Bars, Inc., 28 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, for approximately the three years of 1976-1979. In early 1979, possibly two months before the fire which destroyed the Show Bar, the business experienced problems with sales tax, unemployment tax, and Wisconsin state liquor inspectors. [redacted] in 1978 and 1979 was ALEX RAINERI, whom [redacted] knew to be Circuit Judge of Iron County, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

In February, 1979, [redacted] with ALBERT STELLA, who also worked at the Show Bar, and they picked up almost all of the records of the Show Bar. [redacted] was not satisfied with [redacted] that [redacted] had prepared and said that ALEX RAINERI was going to redo these as RAINERI had [redacted] there were more deductions [redacted] than those listed by [redacted] stated that in preparing this income tax, he had included all of the legally permissable deductions. He did not submit her 1978 income tax return, though he maintains his work copy as it was prepared prior to turning it over to [redacted] at this time. b6 b7C

In late 1978, Mrs. [redacted] to [redacted] the daily record sheets of the business at the Show Bar. At that time [redacted] ALEX RAINERI was handling this record keeping. In both 1978 and 1979, [redacted] had talked with RAINERI on the telephone and was aware from these conversations that RAINERI was, in fact, doing the daily business records. When RAINERI first started doing the daily work sheets, he telephoned [redacted] and asked why they were not in balance, saying that he could not make heads or tails out of them and asking [redacted] if he was trying to hide something. At about that b6 b7C

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time [redacted] had stated that [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] the Show Bar, one from Hurley and one from Minneapolis. She wanted [redacted] and was [redacted] the way ALEX RAINERI had told her. At this time she questioned [redacted] method of record keeping and stated that she did not want [redacted] to do [redacted] It was [redacted] opinion that the way [redacted] stated [redacted] of RAINERI, portrayed a more favorable picture of the business to potential buyers than was accurate. DICK MATTRELLA, owner of the White Way Motel in Hurley [redacted] was also a shareholder in the Ritz. [redacted] felt that MATTRELLA was [redacted] exorbitant price for the Show Bar. [redacted] $120,000 for the Show Bar, attempting to sell it without a realtor. At this same time the White Way Motel was in the process of being sold. [redacted] suspected that there may have been some type of collusion in the works on the sales both properties.

Though [redacted] business checks on the corporate account at the First National Bank, Ironwood, she did not know how to [redacted] and was not capable in this area. Any [redacted] The Show Bar was not a profitable business, and [redacted] was unsure where [redacted] was getting the money to pay the girls who danced there. It appeared that [redacted] from the White Way Motel Corporation, and this may have been the reason that MATTRELLA wanted her to sell. The building which housed the Show Bar was not well kept, the rooms upstairs needing considerable improvement. The girls dancing at the Show Bar were paid [redacted] a combination of check and cash. For tax purposes they were self-employed, and they were supposed to pay their own taxes as none were withheld. When [redacted] tried to withhold taxes and Social Security for the dancers, according to the law as he understood it, [redacted] and this was, in part, what led to [redacted] ALEX RAINERI taking over doing the books.

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[redacted] Show Bar on [redacted] to handle business. On a number of these occasions he saw ALEX RAINERI at the Show Bar, though he was unsure if this was after RAINERI became judge or beforehand, when RAINERI was a practicing attorney and part-time District Attorney of Iron County, Wisconsin. [redacted] also had to go to [redacted] on [redacted] though he could not recall ever having seen ALEX RAINERI there. On several occasions [redacted] to ALEX RAINERI's office on Silver Street to handle corporate business, this being before RAINERI became a judge. Regarding daily operations of the Show Bar, [redacted] primarily with [redacted] and ALEX RAINERI. He never had a stockholder list for Ritz Bars, Inc., though he knows DICK MATTRELLA to be a stockholder. He had no knowledge of whether or not ALEX RAINERI was a stockholder. The corporate agent, ALBERT STELLA, was listed in order to obtain a liquor license under Wisconsin law, the agent being required to be a resident of the state and county in which the license is held. It was [redacted] opinion that this agent should also be a shareholder.

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About one month before the fire which destroyed the Show Bar, RAINERI contacted [redacted] asking about [redacted] by Wisconsin authorities. RAINERI asked [redacted] at the time if he was still doing the books for the Show Bar. Since the fire RAINERI has called [redacted] on one occasion, at which time [redacted] asked him about dissolving the corporation, which RAINERI said he would take care of. To the best of [redacted] knowledge, the corporation still exists. He felt that the articles of incorporation, including a list of officers and shareholders, should be registered in the county courthouse at Hurley. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of whether or not any insurance claim has been made on the fire which destroyed the Show Bar.

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After the fire [redacted] and nothing was being done with [redacted] When [redacted] talked to ALEX RAINERI, he asked RAINERI if the fire loss

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should not be reported for tax purposes and the corporation dissolved. He asked RAINERI if something should be done and if [redacted] should be the one to do it. RAINERI said no, he would take care of it. [redacted] is unaware of the disposition the Show Bar had with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue regarding sales taxes. b6 b7C

During the winter of 1976, when RAINERI was District Attorney of Iron County, he accompanied [redacted] office and retained [redacted] the Show Bar. The books had previously been done by another accountant who had moved from town. RAINERI had apparently kept the books for awhile as [redacted] that ALEX did something in a certain way [redacted] to ask ALEX about a certain way of doing things. He had apparently done the daily books, payment of bills and all necessary business. On a number of occasions when there were problems, [redacted] would go to see ALEX about them. This occurred very frequently, sometimes as often as three or four times per week. This also included legal problems of the business such as the problems with taxes or the Wisconsin alcohol agents. [redacted] RAINERI [redacted] One day [redacted] received a call from [redacted] stating that State of Wisconsin alcohol tax agents were on the premises. [redacted] with them and did not want to [redacted] to them. [redacted] the agents that [redacted] lost them or that someone had stolen them on the day before. When [redacted] by state agents, the agents wanted to lock up the Show Bar's liquor until [redacted] the invoices for it. The next day [redacted] the invoices. [redacted] that ALEX RAINERI had the invoices at his office or home at the time, [redacted] never kept the invoices at the Show Bar. [redacted] noted that he has occasionally caught [redacted] in a few lies similar to the one described above which she told to the state alcohol tax agents. b6 b7C

During the three or four years that [redacted] b6 b7C

the Show Bar records, he never saw an annual report or attended a stockholders meeting, and he had no knowledge that any stockholders meetings ever existed. Toward the end he never saw a bank statement, payroll or other records, and [redacted] When he asked for records, [redacted] "ALEX has them." This included books, daily sales sheets, etc. On a number of occasions when [redacted] the Show Bar transacting business with [redacted] would be talking with ALEX RAINERI on the telephone. [redacted] often talked to RAINERI on the telephone from [redacted] office at the Show Bar. b6 b7C

Regarding the 1978 tax return for the Show Bar, [redacted] this corporation return at the end of 1978 or early in 1979. When examining it [redacted] that ALEX said there were more things that could be deducted. [redacted] ALEX do the return over, so [redacted] the original and kept [redacted] He also gave [redacted] for the return. [redacted] continues to maintain in his possession tax returns, payrolls, bank statements, cancelled checks, check stubs, income and sales tax records, etc. for Ritz Bar, Inc., doing business as the Show Bar, for the years from 1977 back to about 1973. He also has [redacted] personal income tax records for approximately that period of time. He would happy to produce these pursuant to a subpoena. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of ALEX RAINERI [redacted] to procure entertainers for the Show Bar. He knew that [redacted] had entertainers with her. He believed one particular source of entertainers for the Show Bar was Minneapolis, Minnesota, as she booked some entertainers through a Minneapolis agency with the name Sauna in it. (By U. S. Mail received at the Wausau Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on December 21, 1979, [redacted] a copy of Ritz Bar, Inc. check number 920 on account number 16-427-8 of the First National Bank of Ironwood, Michigan, payable to b6 b7C

Sauna Inn, [redacted], the reverse side of the check reflecting deposit to Americana State Bank on the account of Sauna Inn Booking Agency, the copy bearing [redacted] "this is the booking agency that the Ritz Bar went through in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the commissions of the show girls".) b6 b7C

[redacted] no bills for travel to obtain the girls for the Show Bar, but she often took cash from the company account. [redacted] contracts with the booking agencies for the dancers, these contracts including the dancers' names, show names, payments, etc. The commissions were to be paid by check directly to the agency. b6 b7C

On one occasion [redacted] that after work the dancers from the Show Bar were going across the street to the Silver Dollar and Beer Barrel in order to turn tricks. Another time they were arrested by the Sheriff's Office in Hurley for prostitution, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] also had problems with her bartenders stealing [redacted] The names of these bartenders would be in the payroll record of the business, bartenders being numerous and hard to keep because of the late hours required. b6 b7C

[redacted] to currently be in [redacted] One of her numerous trips away from Hurley was to [redacted] where [redacted] stated that he has very few records left identifying the dancers who were employed at the Show Bar and stated that [redacted] to ever obtain the dancers' true names. He recalled the stage names as follows regarding the dancers: b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that he would furnish all of the records available to him regarding the Show Bar upon delivery of a subpoena. b6 b7C

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Mrs. LOIS "FRENCHY" GASBARRI, 401 Hemlock, Ironwood, Michigan (906-932-2621), advised that she was the first wife of JACK GASBARRI, separating from him in 1951. She and JACK had two adopted or foster children, [redacted] She and JACK were subsequently divorced, and JACK [redacted] to whom he was [redacted] until his death in 1975. JACK and RICHARD MATTRELLA owned the Club Carnival and Show Bar in Hurley, Wisconsin. [redacted] WHITNEY OSBOURNE are unknown to her; BERT STELLA is known to her as former Chief of Police in Hurley. JACK GASBARRI died without a will, and to the best of her knowledge all of his property [redacted] On one occasion during a meeting of the White Way Motel in the summer of 1978, ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Iron County, who was present [redacted] after JACK's death, made the statement that "JACK is not going to pay any inheritance tax". This was after JACK's death and related to the passing on from JACK [redacted] JACK's shares in the White Way Motel. LOIS was at this meeting representing [redacted] White Way stock given to him by JACK when the motel was built. Others holding stock in the White Way Motel were DICK MATTRELLA's [redacted] JACK GASBARRI's father, JAMES GASBARRI; JACK GASBARRI's [redacted] for equipment in the basement of the Show Bar which was there when it burned. The exact number of shares and their holders should be known to the White Way Motel's bookkeeper, [redacted] of Ironwood. Present at this meeting in June of 1978 were [redacted], LOIS GASBARRI, LOUIS GASBARRI, [redacted] ALEX RAINERI, RICHARD MATTRELLA, [redacted] and ALEX RAINERI's court reporter, who had been summoned to take the minutes of the meeting. ALEX instructed those present on how to call a meeting to order, how to make motions and how to conduct their business. He was there

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[redacted] When this representation was made known, LOIS told ALEX that [redacted] in the motel. ALEX stated that [redacted] JACKPOT's shares and everything that was his. LOIS told RAINERI that JACKPOT's estate had not been through court yet, to which RAINERI replied, "We're going to find a way to beat the inheritance tax." She recalled that at this time RAINERI was already Circuit Judge of Iron County, as he had called his court reporter down to take the minutes. She has since seen those minutes and stated that they were nothing at all like what actually occurred in the meeting. She believed that RAINERI was observed going to the meeting by ex-judge [redacted]

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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss RICHARD MATTRELLA's idea to sell the motel. [redacted] had already [redacted] from the motel's money which [redacted] ALEX RAINERI was in favor of the sale. LOIS told DICK MATTRELLA that all [redacted] representing his [redacted] When the motel was sold, he did [redacted] Otherwise [redacted] took no interest in the motel. She believed that the original officers of the motel corporation had been JACK GASBARRI as President, DICK MATTRELLA as Vice President, [redacted] [redacted] Secretary-Treasurer, and [redacted] Agent. She believed that when JACK GASBARRI died, each officer moved up one notch, [redacted] Secretary-Treasurer. LOUIS GASBARRI, JACK's brother, and LOUIS's [redacted] both worked at the motel, LOUIS being a clerk and [redacted] The motel was not making money recently and was getting very run down and had no air conditioning. After the meeting the corporation went to [redacted] [redacted] who listed the property and soon found a buyer, [redacted], local individuals in a corporation. Their financing for the purchase was unknown. ALEX RAINERI's position as Judge had no effect on the outcome of the meeting in deciding to sell the motel, but she noted that she could not tell him to get

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as nobody other than she objected to RAINERI's presence. There were subsequent meetings of the White Way Motel Corporation, one about one and a half months later in which the bookkeeper [redacted] took the minutes and another meeting in which the lawyer [redacted] took the minutes. Neither ALEX RAINERI [redacted] was present at these other meetings. On the day of the sale of the White Way Motel, [redacted] did not show up for the meeting. In other meetings regarding the finalization of the sale of the motel, [redacted] has all information regarding these. b6 b7C

Mrs. GASBARRI stated that she has heard that during the time when JACKPOT was sick, ALEX RAINERI [redacted] They reportedly [redacted] until the summer of 1979, [redacted] at RAINERI, [redacted] RAINERI's car on the streets of Hurley. b6 b7C

[redacted] was aware that [redacted] ALEX RAINERI [redacted] out west somewhere in Nevada at about the time [redacted] White Way Motel Corporation. When RAINERI stated that [redacted] ALEX is alleged to have said that if [redacted] She noted that ALEX's [redacted] and [redacted] with ALEX. She noted that recently [redacted] and ALEX [redacted] b6 b7C

When she and JACK GASBARRI [redacted] their attorney was [redacted] After [redacted] JACK obtained an [redacted] JACK being represented by ALEX RAINERI. After JACK went into business at the Club Carnival and the Show Bar, RAINERI became close to him, being there every Saturday and Sunday night [redacted] b6 b7C

She has heard that in connection with the White Way Motel business, JACKPOT had bought back from [redacted] the shares which [redacted] had originally held. b6 b7C

In early 1979, the Show Bar, JACK's business [redacted] burned to the ground. She has heard that [redacted] a claim regarding the building. She stated that she never could understand why JACK had [redacted] JACK. JACK ultimately died after a long bout with cancer. During the last years on orders from DICK MATTRELLA, the motel would not rent rooms to the girls from the Show Bar, and employees at the motel were directed to watch the dancers' rooms to be sure they were alone in their rooms if the dancers were staying there. She noted that she had worked as a night clerk at the White Way Motel until about four years ago, at which time she was succeeded [redacted] b6 b7C

She is well familiar with BERT STELLA, who was Chief of Police in Hurley for many years and "did not bother anybody". Prior to him JACK FALL had been Chief of Police for many years with the same attitude. She has no knowledge of current Chief of Police TED ERSPAMER.

Mrs. GASBARRI advised that she was born September 5, 1913, at Mc Kenzie County, North Dakota. She has served several stretches in jail, both in Federal custody and at Taycheedah in Wisconsin, and has numerous arrests, all for "running a whorehouse". Her most recent arrest and charge was in about 1973 when she received 30 days incarceration and two years probation from Federal District Judge JAMES DOYLE for her part in operation of Club 13, a house of prostitution.

She advised that [redacted] Her former brother-in-law, LOUIS GASBARRI, JACK's brother, currently resides at 410 Poplar, Hurley. b6 b7C

Mrs. GASBARRI advised that the last meeting of the White Way Motel Corporation occurred in 1979 at [redacted] in Hurley, when the proceeds of the sale of the White Way Motel were divided up. The approximate final payments made were: RICHARD MATTRELLA - $8,000; [redacted] (payment for supplies); [redacted] LOUIS GASBARRI - $9,000 - back pay; LOIS GASBARRI - $1,336 - back pay. Also deducted from the proceeds were taxes and bills, and there is some money still in the bank at the First National Bank, Ironwood, Michigan. b6 b7C

She was not aware of the involvement of RAINERI in the operation of the Show Bar, though she had heard from [redacted] on occasion that [redacted] RAINERI had traveled to Michigan to obtain and return to Hurley dancers for the Show Bar. She knew a number of the girls who danced at the Show Bar, mainly by their stage names, seeing them when they were staying at the motel. There was no question in her mind from her experience that these girls were also working as prostitutes at the same time they were dancing at the Show Bar. She noted that on one occasion [redacted] had mentioned to her of an automobile accident in which [redacted] RAINERI had been involved somewhere in Michigan. She stated that RAINERI had the charges dismissed regarding that accident. b6 b7C

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[redacted], [redacted], furnished the following information: b6 b7C

She worked [redacted] at the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] from approximately the [redacted] She was terminated from her position [redacted], who fired her, [redacted] and that she [redacted] money. While she worked at the Show Bar, it was common knowledge in Hurley that [redacted] ALEX RAINERI, Iron County Circuit Judge, during this period. This was definitely a [redacted] rather than any [redacted] [redacted] had told [redacted] that if any problems were encountered at the bar, she should call [redacted] (RAINERI) or that [redacted] would call him. [redacted] never actually did [redacted] RAINERI. [redacted] became friends with [redacted], who also worked at the Show Bar and was very close to [redacted] that [redacted] was ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] whose real name is [redacted] is currently living with her [redacted] For awhile when in Hurley, [redacted] lived with [redacted] and was in a position to be aware of [redacted] exact relationship with ALEX RAINERI. RAINERI was almost a daily visitor to the Show Bar, generally coming in around the noon hour, and he would also [redacted] during the day and in the evening at the bar. [redacted] said that she could recognize RAINERI's voice [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] many different dancers working at the Show Bar, many of whom were prostitutes. Many times [redacted] overheard the girls setting up tricks at the bar and saw them take the men upstairs. She always b6 b7C

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saw men hanging around the White Way Motel next door to the Show Bar, where the girls were staying. [redacted] believed that the going rate for a prostitution trick at Hurley was $50. Most of the customers to the Show Bar were out-of-towners, there on business or for hunting season. b6 b7C

On one occasion [redacted] told RAINERI about the girls turning tricks upstairs above the Show Bar and at the White Way Motel. RAINERI's only reply was that there was nothing she, [redacted] could do to stop them, and it was [redacted] see that the girls sold drinks to the customers. [redacted] some of the dancers tending bar, though they did not have bartender's licenses. This fact was known to RAINERI, as he regularly saw them behind the bar when he stopped in. According to [redacted] had the say who would or would not get a bartender's license in Hurley. The Show Bar was the only place in Hurley that featured dancers who stripped completely nude. [redacted] once questioned this, and [redacted] ALEX told her that this was not against the law. It was also common knowledge that a number of the dancers were also prostitutes, but nothing was ever done about it. b6 b7C

ALEX RAINERI came to the club extremely frequently; if he did not come to the club one day, he called; [redacted] between RAINERI [redacted] He usually came at about opening time, 7:00 p. m., [redacted] RAINERI was either present or called every night through the time he was Judge of Iron County. When in the Show Bar, RAINERI sat and talked [redacted] and occasionally at the bar. On one instance at the bar, they were talking about the Show Bar and the way it was being run. This was during the time that RAINERI was Judge. [redacted] said to [redacted] ALEX that she did not appreciate the dancers also being prostitutes. She stated that both ALEX [redacted] knew that the dancers were street whores, and she stated that she did not want to be a part of the club b6 b7C

for this reason. RAINERI said, "They can't do anything to you." [redacted] then asked her to be manager which [redacted] misunderstood. RAINERI then reiterated that [redacted] wanted [redacted] to be manager. [redacted] said she did not want to be manager because of the prostitutes, and RAINERI again said that nothing could be done to her because of this. b6 b7C

When she was not working at the Show Bar, [redacted] in Hurley. She had sometimes given the dancers and customers from the club [redacted] locations in Hurley and Ironwood, particularly after the closing of the Show Bar for the night. After she refused to manage the club, RAINERI became annoyed and told [redacted] that she could not do this or she would get herself into trouble. She told RAINERI that all she was doing was [redacted] and she had no control over what the girls did once they [redacted] a motel. RAINERI then made no further comments to her. The after-hours tricks of the prostitutes, if not occurring upstairs above the Show Bar, usually were at local motels such as the Holiday Inn or the White Way Motel, or wherever the male customers had obtained rooms. She often overheard dancers making dates for prostitution at the bar with customers. During the working hours of the club, the dancer and the customer would leave separately, meet at the side door of the club, and go upstairs for their tricks. On one occasion [redacted] complained to [redacted] ALEX about the tricking going on upstairs. This did not occur on a regular basis upstairs while [redacted] was bartender, however. b6 b7C

[redacted] said that [redacted], who had worked at the Show Bar as a dancer in 1978, had told her that [redacted] had told [redacted] she could use the upstairs of the Show Bar to turn tricks if [redacted] would give [redacted] half the money. [redacted], instead, stayed at the Holiday Inn in Hurley, where she said she could keep all of her money from tricks. She told this to [redacted] b6 b7C

after [redacted] from the Show Bar but while [redacted] b6 b7C

During early August or September, 1978, [redacted] had called [redacted] to find out when she, [redacted], was to work at the bar. [redacted], also known as [redacted], answered the telephone and said that [redacted] and if there were any questions, she should call ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] called RAINERI at home and told him what had happened, and RAINERI said that he would get back to her. She later was in contact with RAINERI, not recalling if she had called him or he called her, and she then went back to work at the Show Bar. She finally [redacted] though [redacted] in Ashland, Wisconsin; the papers filled out by the Show Bar relating to this could not have been done [redacted] Some time in 1979, after [redacted] in connection with a prostitution situation at the French Casino in Hurley, she approached Mayor of Hurley BILL DARY. At that time she asked DARY [redacted] when the Show Bar had been allowed to go on with prostitution for its entire existence. DARY questioned this statement, stating that the city was not aware of any prostitution. She challenged DARY, reminding him that on one occasion there was a line of men waiting at the entrance to a room at the White Way Motel while a prostitute was entertaining them inside. At the time the Hurley Police Department was called, and the situation was terminated. The prostitutes involved were a couple of Negro females not known to [redacted] but known to [redacted] b6 b7C b6 b7C

ALEX RAINERI was never known to date any of the dancers from the Show Bar, though he occasionally [redacted] or out [redacted] During the time that [redacted] worked at the Show Bar, she never knew [redacted] to be involved in prostitution, though she was certain from b6 b7C

comments of [redacted] to ALEX as [redacted] calling [redacted] by [redacted] When JACKPOT GASBARRI, [redacted] was alive, RAINERI [redacted] along with JACK [redacted] had Sunday dinners together at the Show Bar, the cost of which was assumed by the Show Bar. A [redacted], who resides at [redacted], worked [redacted] at the Show Bar when JACKPOT was alive. [redacted] had stated to [redacted] that she knew about payoffs from JACKPOT to RAINERI during this period of time when RAINERI was District Attorney of Iron County. [redacted] stated she had no way of knowing whether or not RAINERI received any money from the Show Bar. After JACK's death, there was never any talk about a will, though JACK's brother, LOUIS GASBARRI, who managed the White Way Motel next door to the Show Bar, [redacted] ALEX RAINERI went out of [redacted] quite frequently. On once instance when [redacted] leaving, [redacted] going out of town for some girls. On one occasion [redacted] ALEX RAINERI [redacted] either Reno or Las Vegas, Nevada. On another occasion, [redacted] along on an out-of-town trip. On one occasion one of the girls, identity unrecalled, said that she had been picked up [redacted] ALEX from a bar in Iron River, Michigan. On another occasion [redacted] that ALEX [redacted] had picked her up in Duluth, Minnesota. [redacted] believed that the trips made by [redacted] ALEX to get girls had been made to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in addition to Iron River.

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Some time during late 1978, ANDY TINGSTAD, the Prosecuting Attorney of Gogebic County in Bessemer, Michigan, came into the Show Bar one evening with some of his colleagues. At that time TINGSTAD stated that ALEX RAINERI had asked him to rip up a traffic ticket for one of the girls at the Show Bar [redacted] TINGSTAD told [redacted] that the ticket was dismissed, and that

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[redacted] had worked at the Jack-o-Lantern Bar in Iron River, last known to be [redacted] who was a friend of [redacted] On one occasion during the 1978 hunting season, according to [redacted] as this was after [redacted] [redacted] was leaving town and asked [redacted] to run the Show Bar. [redacted] refused to assist [redacted], telling [redacted] she knew that under [redacted] direction the place was going to be "a whorehouse". While [redacted] ran the Show Bar, [redacted] complained because [redacted] said they were not getting enough". [redacted] was claiming that she was [redacted]

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During 1979, [redacted] once told [redacted] that RAINERI had said he was going [redacted] could get him into a lot of trouble. [redacted] but knew what she was talking about. [redacted] also had said that RAINERI had called either [redacted] (last name unknown) who worked at the club [redacted] left. She did not know [redacted] to be a prostitute.

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A day or so after the Show Bar burned down, [redacted] at the Pier 10 Bar on Silver Street in Hurley, [redacted] a person, not identified, in Madison, Wisconsin, saying that [redacted] for prostitution and [redacted] [redacted] did not say anything further and several days later [redacted] [redacted] prostitution. [redacted] claimed that [redacted] was [redacted] by ALEX RAINERI. She stated that in her opinion RAINERI knew everything that was going on in the Show Bar and [redacted] permitting the illegal activities that went on at the Show Bar.

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[redacted] advised that she is familiar with RICHARD MATTRELLA, also known as DICKIE MATTRELLA, whom

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she has known from her childhood because her [redacted] in Hurley and Ironwood, and MATTRELLA was a well known citizen of Hurley. She is aware that MATTRELLA has spent time in prison for racketeering and that he maintained a part ownership in the Show Bar, though he had no influence in its operation. Before JACKPOT's death, [redacted] LOUIE's [redacted] to the Show Bar. After JACKPOT's death, [redacted] was held in the name of BERT STELLA, who was the "swamper" or cleanup man at the bar. She believed that STELLA allowed his name to be used on the liquor license as a favor, as he was a nice guy. She advised that WHITNEY OSBOURNE [redacted] were two winos who used to live at Pier 10 or the Idle Hour Club or at Bertha's Rooming House, 15 Silver Street, Hurley. Neither had any function at the Show Bar.

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A number of the people tending bar at the Show Bar did so without bartender's licenses, which was known [redacted] The Show Bar obtained its liquor from a salesman, [redacted] in Ironwood. She advised that all of the girls dancing and prostituting from the Show Bar were involved in the use of pills, pot, and possibly other drugs. [redacted], was one in [redacted] described [redacted] as being [redacted]. She stated she had heard that [redacted] had testified in a case involving DICK MATTRELLA.

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Some time in late 1978 or early 1979, a prostitute from the Show Bar robbed a guy of $500 while out together. He went to the Hurley Police Department, and they got his money back, though no arrests were made. She stated that there were never any prostitution arrests made at the Show Bar. Every now and then Sheriff ART CARLI or someone from the Police Department would walk through the club but never with any intent to make an arrest or stop the prostitution going on there.

[redacted] advised that she was [redacted] and has never been arrested for anything other than traffic violations. b6 b7C

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[redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at her place of residence. Prior to the interview, [redacted] was advised as to the official identities of the interviewing Agents and that the interview concerned allegations of wrongdoings by Alex J. Raineri, Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wisconsin. Thereafter, [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information: b6 b7C

She is the [redacted] who is currently confined to the [redacted] had attacked [redacted] about two weeks ago and as a result, [redacted] to seek [redacted] stated that [redacted] at the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] met Raineri for the first time during October 1978, in Los Angeles, California. [redacted] Raineri traveled from Hurley, Wisconsin, to Reno, Nevada, for Raineri to attend a judicial college. While Raineri was at the college, [redacted] to Los Angeles to [redacted] After Raineri completed the course in Reno, he came to Los Angeles and subsequently met [redacted] b6 b7C

While in Los Angeles, [redacted] held a party which Raineri had attended and which [redacted] stated [redacted] of the [redacted] which would reveal Raineri's presence. Shortly thereafter Raineri [redacted] returned to Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

One month later, [redacted] traveled to Hurley for the first time to [redacted] at the Show Bar, a business which [redacted] was in Hurley for [redacted] at the Show Bar [redacted] [redacted] was in charge of the bar while Raineri and [redacted] traveled to Milwaukee. [redacted] to obtain business supplies while Raineri went to see another judge (name unrecalled). b6 b7C

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While [redacted] learned of the following activities: prostitutes, usually Show Bar dancers and others, would acquire their "partner" and then obtain a key [redacted] The key unlocked the door which led upstairs above the bar where the prostitutes would commit sexual activities with their partners. In return for the use of the upstairs, the prostitutes were required to pay the Show Bar 30 percent of the money they received from their "tricks." In addition, the prostitutes were required to pay a $25.00 weekly rental fee to the Show Bar. Occasionally, prostitutes would take their "tricks" to the White Way Motel which was located next door. The White Way Motel was [redacted] between [redacted] Dick Matrella (phonetic). [redacted] estimated that the Show Bar received 10 to 20 payments a night from prostitutes for the use of their upstairs.

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[redacted] was aware that Raineri [redacted] in the front room. [redacted] had many times [redacted] stated she had once walked in on [redacted] Raineri while [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] Raineri never discussed business with her, however, it was clear that Raineri [redacted] Raineri always attended all business meetings pertaining to the Show Bar or White Way Motel. [redacted] had told [redacted] that Raineri was acting as [redacted] always overheard Raineri [redacted] what bills to pay and what to do with [redacted] stated that ever since [redacted] Raineri (several years) [redacted]

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Raineri had to know of, and be involved with the prostitution at the Show Bar due [redacted] conversation between two prostitutes. [redacted] (last name unknown) [redacted] the Jack-A-Lantern Bar located in another town outside of Hurley, [redacted] (phonetic) (last name unknown). Raineri had approached the girls and requested that they come to Hurley and work at the Show Bar [redacted] Raineri also had apparently solicited

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other girls from the Jack-A-Lantern to work at the Show Bar.

After spending one month in Hurley, [redacted] returned home. Then sometime around May 1979, Raineri called [redacted] and [redacted] come to Hurley [redacted] then [redacted] (last name unknown) called [redacted] for the same reason. [redacted] that Raineri was [redacted] for unknown reasons. Raineri had [redacted] set fire to the Show Bar in an attempt to [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] statements [redacted] However, due to Raineri threatening to send [redacted] out of Hurley, and from just knowing the man, she did not trust him. She felt that Raineri was capable of [redacted] e.g. the Show Bar fire.

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[redacted] was of the opinion that while Raineri was [redacted], he was also [redacted] something similar to [redacted] It was well known in Hurley that Raineri [redacted] Raineri's seeing [redacted] was the cause of Raineri [redacted] between each other. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and that [redacted] (last name unknown), a [redacted] would probably know additional information.

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[redacted] stated she knew of no individuals with whom Raineri had contact in the police department. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information at this time.

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[redacted] was interviewed at her residence. Prior to the interview [redacted] acknowledged as knowing SA [redacted] and was advised as to the identity of SA [redacted] and that the interview concerned allegations of criminal activities by Alex J. Raineri. Thereafter [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] that regarding the yearly license for the Show Bar Motel, Albert Stella was always named as the agent for the bar. The only information that she could provide pertaining to same was that Raineri would handle the acquisition of the license each year and that in the event the appropriate people were not available Raineri would forge their names on the license. [redacted] that this license was the same as the corporation papers for the bar and that usually it required three signatures. She was unable to state whether or not Stella would sign the license in Raineri's presence. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalled having been [redacted] Raineri, however, there was only one other girl, [redacted] She can only recall that Alex was [redacted] and that they were in Michigan. She also recalls that the girl, name unknown, who is known as [redacted] from Green Bay, Wisconsin, had been picked up for drunk driving and was put in jail. Apparently [redacted] had contacted [redacted] the Jack-A-Lantern Bar in Ironwood, Michigan, who in turn contacted Raineri and requested him to contact his friend in Michigan. His friend was a District Attorney in Michigan and had been good friends with Raineri. Raineri requested the individual to [redacted] which he apparently succeeded in doing as to the best of [redacted] knowledge [redacted] never got in trouble due to the drunk driving charge. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalls that the Show Bar had [redacted] to the fire in April of 1979. She stated that [redacted] the bar and Raineri. b6 b7C

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Regarding [redacted] Raineri, [redacted] in Reno, Nevada. b6 b7C

[redacted] recalled that the horse race tickets located [redacted] in Hurley, Wisconsin, was provided [redacted] Alex Raineri. Raineri had a friend, name unrecalled, who owned two horses and raced them in buggy races at the Chicago Downs Racetrack in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of [redacted] the race tickets were to help this friend avoid potential taxes due to the fact that he earned too much money. The tickets represented $3,500.00 or $3,700.00 and was advised by Raineri that [redacted] Show Bar bookkeeper, [redacted] from the races as represented on the ticket stubs. The only other information that she can furnish pertaining to this was that the individual was an attorney who resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that his first name was [redacted] and that [redacted] which ran in the last race as indicated on the ticket stubs. b6 b7C

[redacted] in addition to the above information pertaining to the Show Bar license, that one of the names on the license (name unrecalled) [redacted] in reality had no real interest in the Show Bar even though the records would reflect he had a position in the corporation. b6 b7C

Thereafter [redacted] furnished the following signed statement: b6 b7C

[redacted]

"I, [redacted] hereby make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] SA [redacted] [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been advised by SA [redacted] that I am being interviewed in connection with allegations of wrongdoings by Alex J. Raineri, Circuit Judge, Hurley, Wisconsin.

"I presently reside at [redacted] [redacted], and was born on [redacted] [redacted] I can read and write English. b6 b7C

"Sometime during the early to mid 1970's, I learned from [redacted] Jack Gasbarri and Richard Mattrella that Richard Mattrella had recently purchased approximately 40 stolen color General Electric television (TV) sets from a person (name unknown) in Kentucky. Mattrella thereafter stored the TV sets at [redacted] which [redacted] Mattrella's home located [redacted] b6 b7C

"Shortly thereafter, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Wisconsin, rented a U-Haul trailer and transported the stolen TVs from Kentucky to Hurley, Wisconsin. In return, [redacted] received one of the stolen TVs from Mattrella. The stolen TV sets were then stored at the White Way Motel in Hurley, Wisconsin. I am of the belief that Mattrella was selling the stolen TVs from the White Way Motel due to the TV sets slow disappearance. Also Alex Raineri and Richard Mattrella personally advised me that they were selling the stolen TV sets out of the White Way Motel. b6 b7C

"I currently have two small G.E. color TV sets which are located in the guest bedroom of my home located at [redacted] Wisconsin. I received one set from Mattrella knowing that the TV set was stolen property and that the serial number had been removed by Louie Gasbarri. I am aware of this because Mattrella personally told me that sets were stolen and should be kept hidden. b6 b7C

"Alex Raineri advised me that he received 3 of the stolen TV sets from Mattrella in the early part of the 1970's and that he did not have to pay money for them. Raineri gave me one of the TVs which is currently located in the same room of my house with the set I received from Mattrella. Raineri placed the other two TV sets in his home located at 502 Sixth Avenue, Hurley, Wisconsin. One set, a large color GE is in [redacted] and the other small color GE TV was placed into his basement. [redacted] in Raineris home [redacted] The TV set in his basement is identical to the 2 sets b6 b7C

located in my bedroom. I am aware that Raineri received the TV sets and placed them in his home because I observed them in the above mentioned locations in the early 1970's and in the fall of 1978.

"Raineris home is a one story house of wood structure, white in color with a 2 car attached garage.

"I have read this 4 page statement, have initialed all corrections and it is entirely true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]
1-15-1980

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"Witnesses:
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 1-15-80.
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI."

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Date 1/17/80

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (194-57) (P) (22)

RE: ALEX J. RAINERI;
ET AL,
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC
CORRUPTION (B)
OO: Milwaukee

Re Los Angeles facsimile to Milwaukee on 1/9/80; and Los Angeles telephone call to Wausau, Wisconsin, Resident Agency on 1/11/80.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are the originals and one copy each of three FD-302s reflecting the interviews of [redacted] Also enclosed are Agent notes for above, one FD-26 signed by [redacted] and one folder with MGM Grand Hotel logo containing an 8 x 10 photograph. b6 b7C

Los Angeles will maintain contact with [redacted] in an attempt to develop additional information.

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The following investigation was conducted at Reno, Nevada, on January 16, 1980, by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Investigation at the National Judicial College, University of Nevada - Reno, determined that Alex J. Raineri, Circuit Judge, attended that school from September 17, 1978, to October 6, 1978, for the General Jurisdiction school. Records further revealed that Raineri also attended the school from September 30, 1979, to October 5, 1979, for the purpose of taking the Civil Litigation course.

The college advised that when the judges attend the various schools they are usually housed in the College Inn, a dormitory-type building used to house University of Nevada - Reno students during the academic year. From time to time attendees will make their own arrangements for accommodations but that would not be recorded with the college.

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Date 1/17/80

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

FROM : ACTING SAC, LAS VEGAS (194-38) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRPUTION (B)
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Louisville, 12/17/79.

Enclosed for Milwaukee Division is investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Reno, Nevada.

For information Milwaukee, the National Judicial College, located on the campus of the University of Nevada - Reno, is the only college of its type in the United States set up for the instruction of judges at various local, state and federal levels.

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[redacted] Ironwood, Michigan [redacted] advised as follows: b6 b7C

She is the [redacted] the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, and she also [redacted] at the Show Bar [redacted] the early months of 1979. [redacted] at the Show Bar through [redacted] and [redacted] Show Bar's [redacted] She is familiar with the identity of ALEX RAINERI but stated he had no part in her hiring. [redacted] was also [redacted] at the Show Bar. b6 b7C

During the entire time that she was employed at the Show Bar, [redacted] She is certain that [redacted] but she was unaware of whether or not her [redacted] When employed, she worked [redacted] at the Show Bar, [redacted] was there on Sundays when she opened the place but seldom on other nights. The Show Bar was a bar featuring floor shows, the dancers from the stage then mixing with the customers after their acts. There were usually three dancers and two bartenders on duty at one time. While there, she [redacted] were usually [redacted] working together, and the dancers varying among the following individuals: b6 b7C

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Investigation on 12/18/79 at Ironwood, Michigan File # MI 194-35 -50

by SA [redacted]/cal Date dictated 12/26/79 b6 b7C

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Two Negro females from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, [redacted] (last name unknown) and [redacted] (last name unknown), both of whom were in trouble in Ironwood [redacted]

[redacted] at the Show Bar on weekends, either [redacted] at which time she [redacted] During the week, she was seldom there. On [redacted] had to [redacted] to the bar from [redacted] open and operate and then close afterward. b6 b7C

Though being familiar with his identity, [redacted] has never seen ALEX RAINERI. On one occasion [redacted] for [redacted] during which time [redacted] to RAINERI's office in the courthouse. It is local rumor that [redacted] ALEX [redacted] stated that ALEX was [redacted] has heard that RAINERI went to [redacted] house on [redacted] but stated that she believed that [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] One time after [redacted] she called [redacted] asking for her check. [redacted] said that she should go to see ALEX RAINERI to get her check.

It was common knowledge that some of the dancers at the Show Bar were also prostitutes. [redacted] overheard [redacted], and [redacted] talking about their prostitution activities. She could not ever recall hearing [redacted] say anything about prostitution. The going rate for prostitution at Hurley was whatever the traffic would bear, though the minimum rate was about $50. She believed that the prostitutes went to b6 b7C

local motels with their clients after the Show Bar closed, which was often later than the legal closing hour, the Show Bar often staying open until 3:00 to 4:00 a. m. [redacted] was not aware of tricks occurring upstairs above the Show Bar. Often if a girl met a trick, she would keep him drinking until closing hour or afterward, regularly ordering cheap champagne at $40 per bottle. After closing she then left with the customer and what transpired thereafter was unknown. Some of the girls dancing at the Show Bar stayed upstairs above the Show Bar; [redacted] Other girls stayed next door at the White Way Motel, owned by [redacted] DICK MATTRELLA, who were [redacted] of the Show Bar. [redacted] once met DICK MATTRELLA when he was inside the Show Bar, MATTRELLA being a white male, age about 60, with white hair. All of the dancers at the Show Bar seemed to know him. [redacted] attitude was to [redacted] the business of the Show Bar. She recalled no comments being made by [redacted] reagrding prostitution. [redacted] kept the [redacted] the Show Bar. There was also a dressing room for the dancers in the back of the Show Bar. [redacted] became very good friends with dancer [redacted], who stayed at the White Way Motel. For awhile, [redacted] moved in with [redacted] in Ironwood, though she later had to move back to the White Way Motel. The two dancers from Milwaukee, [redacted] that they were hired through an agency in Milwaukee. They were at a nightclub in either Eagle River or Iron River, operated by a [redacted] (last name unknown), whom [redacted] to obtain dancers. [redacted] were brought to Hurley from [redacted] place by a man, not further identified. She believed that in the latter days of operation of the Show Bar, a number of dancers were obtained through an agency. Due to her friendship with [redacted] she learned that [redacted] Michigan [redacted] and was recently visiting in [redacted]

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She is currently believed to be in [redacted] had been a dancer at the Show Bar [redacted] There she met [redacted] who started out as a prostitution trick. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that she has no knowledge of the fire that destroyed the Show Bar in the spring of 1979. She has heard the rumor that [redacted] the Show Bar or [redacted] was a [redacted] was unaware of the source of liquor for the Show Bar, though a salesman from Hurley named [redacted] (last name unknown) often came into the bar to take orders. She did not believe that Gentile Distributors of Hurley was the source of the Show Bar's liquor. She is familiar with BERT STELLA, who cleaned up the Show Bar in the morning after closing. b6 b7C

A lot of Ironwood businessmen were regular prostitution customers of the Show Bar. [redacted] had as a regular trick a [redacted] used to obtain [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] believed that ANDY TINGSTAD, Prosecuting Attorney of Gogebic County, Michigan, had something to do with [redacted] She has seen TINGSTAD in the Show Bar sometimes with other lawyers and businessmen, and though she knew nothing definite, she felt that he was a john of some of the prostitutes. [redacted] acknowledged that [redacted] in October, 1979, [redacted] resulting from a [redacted] who is now in [redacted] Michigan. She stated that [redacted] who is a Hurley police officer, and [redacted], a licensed practical nurse (LPN), [redacted] b6 b7C

once was [redacted] in the Show Bar [redacted] b6
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[redacted] at the Show
Bar and the [redacted]
In addition to her work at the Show Bar, [redacted]
[redacted] and regularly delivered things to [redacted]
at her residence.

[redacted] believed that [redacted] paid the b6
bartenders and dancers by check drawn on the Show Bar's b7C
account at the First National Bank of Ironwood.

[redacted] stated that the attitude when working b6
at the Show Bar was that there was no worry about law b7C
breaking when in the Show Bar. She knew that [redacted]
[redacted] ALEX RAINERI, Iron County Circuit Judge.
[redacted] had often said that [redacted]
which ALEX would take care of, and it was presumed that
any trouble which occurred in the Show Bar would similarly
be taken care of by ALEX RAINERI. There was no problem
in staying open after hours, and there was no attempt
made to close on time. The Show Bar simply closed when-
ever they were ready. She never saw a cop in the Show
Bar except during the Italian Days celebration in Hurley
when out-of-town police officers were working in town.
There was apparently no pressure from the Hurley Police
Department or Iron County Sheriff's Office to enforce
the law within the Show Bar.

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Wisconsin [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] JOHN and LOUIS GASBARRI [redacted] JAMES GASBARRI, all of Hurley, Wisconsin. Both JAMES GASBARRI and JOHN ("JACKPOT") are now deceased. JOHN GASBARRI primarily operated taverns in Hurley, his primary places of business being the Carnival Club and later the Show Bar. b6 b7C

In around 1960, when the White Way Motel was built by JACKPOT and an associate, RICHARD MATTRELLA, stock in the White Way Motel Corporation was issued at $100 per share. The motel was actually built with JOHN GASBARRI's and DICK MATTRELLA's money, but in order to be a corporation, it required a certain number of stockholders. For this reason, [redacted] of stock being placed in [redacted] Though [redacted] had not initially placed this money into the operation, he continued to feel that [redacted] of stock represented a financial holding, similar to the 15 shares of stock JOHN GASBARRI had placed in [redacted] advised that the original allocation of shares in the White Way Motel's corporation was as follows: b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA - 62 shares; [redacted] JAMES GASBARRI - 50 shares; JOHN GASBARRI - 38 shares; [redacted] shares; Each share was valued at $100 per share. Since that time, [redacted] had always kept out of the operation of the motel, feeling that DICK MATTRELLA and JACK GASBARRI both were "crooked". Over the years they were involved in a series of what he considered to be shady deals with the motel corporation, taking money out of the corporation improperly. At first the motel was a profitable venture, but more recently it was losing money, and the stockholders, in particular DICK MATTRELLA, decided to sell. [redacted] received b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] cal Date dictated 12/26/79 b6 b7C

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a notice from [redacted] a Hurley realtor, that a meeting was being called of all shareholders to discuss a potential sale of the property. [redacted] traveled to Hurley to attend the meeting, which was not held because they could not find [redacted] JOHN (JACKPOT). Some time after that [redacted] determined from [redacted] that the motel had been sold. At the time of sale there were a lot of unpaid bills and back-pay to employees owed, these having to be paid before the motel's owners realized their money. He had never been given any understanding that his shares were worthless or that DICK MATTRELLA and JACK GASBARRI were the only owners of the White Way Motel. He believed that the original documents of the motel's incorporation were burned in the fire of the Carnival Club, several years ago.

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Though they were not present at the 1978 meeting of the shareholders of the White Way Motel Corporation, they have received the minutes of this meeting, though they have heard from relatives in Hurley that they do not accurately represent what happened there. They have heard that ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge, was in attendance at this meeting [redacted] though the extent of his participation is unknown.

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Once, before this meeting, ALEX RAINERI had tried to get [redacted] to sign over his shares in the corporation [redacted] This was right after JACK had died, at which time [redacted] was still working at [redacted] RAINERI called [redacted] and said that he would like to see him in Hurley. Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] traveled to Hurley where they met in RAINERI's law office with RAINERI [redacted] At that time RAINERI tried to tell [redacted] in the White Way Motel. [redacted] stated that he [redacted] but stated that [redacted] at the original value of $100 per share. RAINERI appeared to want these shares very badly, and [redacted] assumed that he was trying to get

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controlling stock interests in the corporation [redacted] When [redacted] refused to sign over the shares, RAINERI then said they could take the matter to court. RAINERI continued to call [redacted] several more times, the same conversation ensuing, but [redacted] stood firm in his demand that [redacted] RAINERI continued to maintain that the courts could decide the situation.

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JACK GASBARRI died without a will, as did his father, JAMES. As JAMES had lived with JACK shortly before his death, and JACK had taken care of his finances, none of the other members of the family ever saw any money from an estate, if, in fact, any existed. When JACK died his property consisted of his interest in the Show Bar, his interest in the White Way Motel, his father's house on 1st Avenue South in Hurley and JACK [redacted] Hurley. He did not have a lot of money. All of his property was believed to have [redacted] none being known to have [redacted] LOIS GASBARRI.

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The [redacted] had heard that even before JACK's death, ALEX RAINERI had [redacted] JACK said very little about this, though on one occasion when he went to the Marshfield Clinic, he stopped in [redacted] with the [redacted] at which time he told them, [redacted] Just before he died JACK was very unhappy [redacted] the house belonging to JAMES GASBARRI after JACK's death. This house has since been torn down. There was no will from JACK (JOHN) GASBARRI, and to the knowledge of the [redacted] there has never been any probate proceeding.

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When [redacted] went to Hurley for the meeting of the White Way Motel Corporation relating to the sale, there he saw RICHARD MATTRELLA, who questioned his stock ownership and stated, "What are you doing here?"

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Since that time he [redacted] b6 b7C from the proceeds of the motel's sale or to fight for this, because he considered it would be costly and because he is afraid of DICK MATTRELLA, knowing MATTRELLA's reputation for having been involved in racketeering.

The [redacted] have never received any dividends from the stock of the White Way Motel, Inc., though they are certain that the motel earned a substantial profit during its first few years of operation. [redacted] the motel on May 26, 1976, [redacted] on May 26, 1979, but which the [redacted] There has never been a [redacted] belonging to JAMES GASBARRI, which the [redacted] feel they have some claim to, Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished copies of the following described items: b6 b7C

Subscription agreement, dated September 21, 1961, reflecting shares of stock in White Way Motels, Inc.

White Way Motel, Inc. notice of special meeting of shareholders to be held June 27, 1978.

White Way Motels, Inc. estimate of amount owed creditors, April 30, 1979.

Letter of [redacted] dated July 31, 1979, to RICHARD MATTRELLA, President, White Way Motels, Inc. b6 b7C

[redacted] dated May 26, 1976, reflecting the loan by the White Way Motels, Inc. of [redacted] due May 26, 1979. b6 b7C

SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

We, the undersigned, incorporators of
WHITE WAY MOTELS, INC.
a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, hereby open this subscription for the shares of this Company:

Dated at Hurley, Wisconsin, this 28th day of August, A. D. 1961.

(HIS)
( )
JAMES (X) GASBARRI
([redacted])

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Jack Gasbarri
JACK GASBARRI

[redacted]

Richard A. Mattrella
RICHARD MATTRELLA

We, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe to the number of shares of WHITE WAY MOTELS, INC.,

a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and agree to pay therefor the amount set opposite our names respectively.

Signed by the last subscriber hereto on the 21 day of September, A. D. 1961.

NAME	No. SHARES	CLASS OF SHARES	AMOUNT
[redacted]		Common	$ [redacted]
James Gasbarri	50	Common	$ 5,000.00
Richard Mattrella	62	Common	$ 6,200.00
John Gasbarri	38	Common	3,800.00
[redacted]		Common	[redacted]
		Common	
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		Common	

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WHITEWAY MOTEL INCORPORATED

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD ON JUNE 27, 1978

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

WHITEWAY MOTEL INCORPORATED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of Shareholders of Whiteway Motel, Inc., a Wisconsin Corporation, will be held at the Whiteway Motel, 100 Silver Street, in the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin, on Monday, June 27, 1978 at 2 o'clock P M. local time, for the following purposes:

1. To consider the calling back to the corporation for cancellation all shares of stock outstanding held by purported shareholders who have paid no consideration to the corporation for the shares in their names and to cancel the same shares.. The fact that a notice of the meeting has been given to any shareholder is not intended to mean that this corporation admits that said person receiving said notice is a true and lawful shareholder. The notice is being sent to all persons who appear as a matter of record on the books of the corporation.

2. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment of adjournments thereof.

By Order of the Board of Directors

[redacted]

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WHI[illegible] WAY MOTELS, INC., HURLEY [illegible]I

Amounts owed to Creditors estimated to April 30, 1979

Erspamers Lumber Company		$ 2,364.88
Francis Sales and Service		146.36
City of Hurley, WI		
1978 - Real Estate taxes		
$106.47 plus interest 4.26	$ 110.73	
$2,329.08 plus interest 93.16	2,422.24	
1978 - Personal Property taxes.		
$598.91 plus interest 23.95	622.86	
Delinquent water bill	192.74	
Water bill estimate - Mar. & April	64.26	
Total amount due City of Hurley, WI		3,412.83
American Linen Supply Co.		
March account	343.97	
April account estimate	300.00	
Total amount due		643.97
Wisconsin Telephone Co.		
March account	166.10	
April account estimate	150.00	
Total amount due		316.10
Lake Superior District Power Co.		
March account	92.67	
April account estimate	90.00	
Total amount due		182.67
Pajula Plumbing Contractors - estimate		60.00
TOTAL DUE CREDITORS INCLUDING ESTIMATES		$ 7,126.81
Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor & Human Rights		
Summary of unpaid wages - Employees	32,994.30	
Probable additional amount - 1979	1,000.00	
Total amount due		33,994.30
TOTAL ESTIMATE		$41,121.11

#63; Per [illegible]

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[redacted]
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July 31, 1979

Richard Mattrella, Pres.
White Way Motels, Inc.
32 Bordeau Drive
Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

Dear Dick:

Re: White Way Motel

We have finally closed the transaction of the White Way Motel to Interstate Projects Corporation, Inc.

A check in the amount of $24,762.82 was given [redacted] for deposit in a Savings Account with the First National Bank, Ironwood, Michigan in accordance with the instructions voted upon at the last stockholders meeting.

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I am enclosing a copy of the Buyer's Settlement Statement and a copy of the Broker's Settlement with Seller. These statements indicate the accounting of the funds received and the and the expenditures. They have been approved by [redacted] [redacted] There were not any payments made to [redacted] They are stockholders of the corporation and should be paid when they surrender their shares of stock. I presume that you will have to call a meeting of the stockholders to dispurse the remaining funds on hand.

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Thank you very much for this business.

If you have any questions, kindly advise.

Truly yours,

[redacted]

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cc: Lois Gasbarri,
Secretary, Treasurer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/2/80

[redacted] was contacted at the White Way Motel, Hurley, Wisconsin, the corporate offices of Interstate Projects, a Wisconsin corporation (telephone 715-561-2901). He furnished the following information: b6 b7C

Interstate Projects, a Wisconsin corporation, has been incorporated since April, 1973, basically being involved in the construction and development of motels. The former White Way Motel, 100 Silver Street, Hurley, was purchased in 1979, by the corporation and is currently operating as the Interstate Budget Inn at the same address. The motel is currently listed in the names of [redacted] Corporate [redacted] is [redacted] (Hurley), Wisconsin; [redacted] Wisconsin, [redacted] The motel purchase was handled by [redacted] There are already in existence Interstate Budget Inns at Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin. In 1978 and early 1979, the corporation was looking for a good buy in a motel in the Hurley, Wisconsin - Ironwood, Michigan, area. They were simultaneously trying to buy the Show Bar [redacted] wanting to work up a disco bar in downtown Hurley. [redacted] in the White Way Motel. Approximately six months before their ultimate offer to purchase, [redacted] interest in purchasing the White Way Motel and began seeking financing. During this period, [redacted] to ALEX RAINERI, Iron County Circuit Judge, who offered to finance the purchase of the motel [redacted] "if you can get it for the right price." [redacted] RAINERI he would be looking for about $60,000 worth of financing. RAINERI initially agreed to finance this amount, though in the end he backed out of the financing. RAINERI's reasons given for backing out were that there were some problems of clearing title of the White Way Motel Corporation. Regarding financing, [redacted] to RAINERI several times, and RAINERI was agreeable. The b6 b7C b6 b7C

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by SA [redacted] /cal Date dictated 12/27/79 b6 b7C

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interest figure of 10% had been discussed, but no exact agreement had been reached. Approximately 10-15 year repayment period was being considered.

At the time the offer to purchase the White Way Motel was made, [redacted] idea was that ALEX RAINERI would finance the purchase. About 45-60 days prior to closing, RAINERI backed out of financing the purchase. At this time [redacted] to find financing so that they would not lose their earnest money, $6,600, which they had placed down. The total purchase price of the motel was $66,000; $60,000 for the motel plus $6,000 commission plus approximately $1,800 indebtedness on the motel televisions. The motel was purchased with everything inside accompanying it. [redacted] ultimately obtained financing for the purchase of the motel at the First National Bank of Ironwood in the [redacted] He stated that he does not know the real reason why ALEX RAINERI backed out of the financing, but feels that the problems with clearing title were not the true reason.

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This was [redacted] business dealing with ALEX RAINERI. He stated that RAINERI was not the one who called to his attention that the motel was for sale and that he [redacted] were not simply nominees of RAINERI in the purchase, but this purchase was their project with RAINERI being the financier.

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The original asking price of the motel was $95,000. They offered $50,000 initially simply to see how low the corporation would go. The compromise of $66,000 was reached [redacted] with DICK MATTRELLA, President of the motel's corporation. MATTRELLA had said that his listing with [redacted] local realtor, had run out. [redacted] then found out that the motel was still listed and went to [redacted] to tell him that the most they would offer was $60,000. [redacted] contacted MATTRELLA, who agreed on accepting the $60,000 if [redacted]

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[redacted] had seen a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the White Way Motel Corporation in the possession of [redacted] He wanted to see these minutes to be sure that everyone in the corporation was being taken care of in the purchase, so there would be no hassles, liens, etc. in connection with the purchase. b6 b7C

In offering financing, ALEX RAINERI had always been specific that he would not finance the purchase unless everyone in the White Way Motel Corporation got their share. ALEX knew all of the other people involved, [redacted] DICKIE MATTRELLA and the other stockholders. [redacted] was not sure of the [redacted] between ALEX RAINERI [redacted] but noted that it is locally rumored that [redacted] He had heard that they [redacted] during 1979. b6 b7C

During the process of the purchase, [redacted] talked with one another and felt that they were being used by ALEX RAINERI. They felt that they had been placed in the middle between White Way Motel Corporation and RAINERI and suspected that he had the inside knowledge on what the other side was doing. They suspected that RAINERI's backing out may have been in order to cause their purchase to fall through, after which he may have been able to pick up the motel extremely cheaply. b6 b7C

Prior to making their written offer to [redacted] to purchase the motel, [redacted] had several meetings [redacted] offering to purchase the Show Bar [redacted] They initially offered her $75,000 for the Show Bar. They then offered to put this much money into the Show Bar's expansion and [redacted] When neither of these were successful, they then had a third party from Superior come to town and offer [redacted] $100,000 for the purchase of the Show Bar. [redacted] Shortly b6 b7C

after this, the Show Bar burned. [redacted] stated that the Show Bar was not a bad place, in fact, was pretty nice inside and at the time was worth the money being offered. The meetings to discuss the purchase of the Show Bar were conducted at [redacted] and included only [redacted] with their offers to purchase. [redacted] have arisen that it may have been ALEX RAINERI. b6 b7C

[redacted] reiterated that the price paid for the White Way Motel was certainly reasonable for a 20 unit motel, though he noted that it required a considerable amount of renovation. Two of the units of the White Way Motel were removed to make corporate offices for Interstate Projects. It is the intention of Interstate Projects to continue to operate the White Way Motel under the new title Interstate Budget Inn. [redacted] noted that shortly after the burning of the Show Bar, a new disco, Pogo's, opened next door to the White Way Motel on the opposite side from where the Show Bar had been. b6 b7C

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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) TPM

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (194-57) (P) (22)

RE: ALEX J. RAINERI;
ET AL,
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC
CORRUPTION (B)
OO: Milwaukee

Enclosed for Milwaukee are the original subpoenas for [redacted] which were served on these individuals on 1/24/80. b3 b6 b7C

Los Angeles will maintain contact [redacted] Wisconsin, for a 2/12/80 Grand Jury appearance.

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[redacted] provided he gets paid and [redacted] provided he gets his portion of the share. You so move? b6 b7C

[redacted] I so move.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: I so move. Motion carried. All right. Any other business to take care of?

(REPORTER'S NOTE: Whereupon, a short discussion followed off the record regarding the sale)

RICHARD MATTRELLA: That's it. So the meeting is adjourned?

[redacted] I so move. b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA: I second the motion.

(REPORTER'S NOTE: Whereupon, at 2:45 p.m. meeting was adjourned)

REGISTER'S OFFICE)
IRON COUNTY, WIS.)

Received for Record the 26th day of March 1979 at 3:30 o'clock P.M. and duly recorded in Vol. 114 of Records on Page 595-604

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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF IRON)

I, [redacted] certify that I am the official stenographic reporter of the County Court for Iron County, Wisconsin and that the above and foregoing is a true, correct, and complete transcript of the proceedings had at the meeting of shareholders of the White Way Motel, Inc., at the White Way Motel, Hurley, Wisconsin on the 27th day of June, 1978 as contained in my stenographic notes. b6 b7C

Dated July 1, 1978.

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Registered Professional Reporter

REAL ESTATE LIEN

This instrument pertains to the following described property:

Lots 6 & 7, and the East 1/2 of Lot 8, Block 8, Original Plat of the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin. Improvement on real estate known as the Whiteway Motel.

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Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26th day of March, 1979.

[redacted]
Commission expires 8-2-80
Notary Public

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting of Shareholders
of White Way Motel, Inc.

June 27, 1978

White Way Motel

Hurley, Wisconsin

Mr. Richard Mattrella, President of the corporation, called the meeting to order. He called the roll as to shareholders present and they were: Richard Mattrella, 62 shares; [redacted] b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Okay. This is the meeting of the shareholders of White Way Motel, Incorporated, Hurley, Wisconsin, and this meeting is called pursuant to notice to all of the shareholders. The notice contains the purpose of the meeting and that is to cancel all the shares that are held in the names of persons who have not paid any consideration for their shares. And that the persons in attendance are myself, Richard Mattrella, and I am the holder of sixty-two shares, [redacted] b6 b7C So I am representing my sixty-two [redacted] The next stockholder is--

LOIS GASBARRI: [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: -[redacted]

LOIS GASBARRI: [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Wait a while. We've got to get your name.

LOIS GASBARRI: Lois Gasbarri.

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[redacted] giving authority to permit her [redacted] at this meeting, and to [redacted] at this meeting. All right. Then the next shareholder is [redacted] How many shares do you hold?

[redacted] Oh, God. [redacted]

[redacted] I think it is. [redacted]

[redacted] All right. [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] is here, and [redacted] shares that he holds in his name but he's holding it as a secured stockholder because one of the members of the corporation [redacted] But he does not claim to be a shareholder for any other purpose but [redacted] and that's agreeable to the corporation. Okay. Any other stockholders appearing? Oh, yea, and then there's-- Well, you got-- All right. [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted]. She has [redacted] She's got the shares.

[redacted] The slip I got says [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: He gave [redacted]

LOIS GASBARRI: She got [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: [redacted] Now,

how many shares are outstanding? Can you total up those shares I give you? So we don't have to know any further. We just want to know who is in attendance here. So we've got a representation of a total of how many shares now? [redacted] I've got all the shares here now [redacted] How much is that? [redacted] and this-- The shareholders here are [redacted] in stocks, shares of stock, so you got holders of shares of stock [redacted] shares so that's a majority. There's [redacted] the old man, Jack--Louie's father and [redacted] which comes to [redacted] b6 b7C

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RICHARD MATTRELLA: Then we got somebody else [redacted] too much.

LOUIS GASBARRI: I think [redacted] Do you want me to look in the book?

RICHARD MATTRELLA: What do you got [redacted] down for?

LOUIS GASBARRI: [redacted] I think he said. [redacted] There it is. [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Look in the book, Louie.

LOUIS GASBARRI: She had [redacted] b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA: So you show [redacted] So let's make a correction that [redacted] So that takes it down to [redacted] it is supposed to be. [redacted] No. There's [redacted] so we show a total of [redacted] shares of stock. Now, you show on the record that the purpose of the meeting is to cancel all the outstanding shares held by people who hold in trust only except for Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] agrees that when [redacted] by people who are interested in the corporation, that he will vender then the shares back to the corporation to be divided equally between myself, Richard Mattrella, [redacted] b6 b7C

A VOICE: Now, wait. Do you got [redacted] too?

RICHARD MATTRELLA: No. No, she holds hers until the place is sold. She gets her representative per share payment. If you sell for X number of dollars, you divide the number of shares outstanding into that and her fifteen will go into that, and she'll get back what each one of you get per share. Unless somebody buys her ahead of time. All right. I call the meeting to order. All shareholders that are present are asked to vote, all those in favor to cancel out the shares.

[redacted] Got it. b6 b7C

LOUIS GASBARRI: [redacted]

RICHARD MATTRELLA: All right. Do I hear a motion from the floor to cancel all the shares outstanding held by the people who are not, who are holding only in trust and that would represent James Gasbarri, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] That's it. Is somebody going to make a motion to cancel out those shares? Does anybody want to make a motion?

[redacted] I think it better she does. She will say I so move. That's all.

[redacted] I so move. That's all.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Have you got the motion? Okay. All right. Is there a second to the motion? Well, I am the presiding officer but I can step down and second it so I second the motion. All those in favor say aye. So I am voting [redacted] shares in favor-- I am voting [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] in favor. I don't know what position you are going to take.

[redacted] You got me in a jackpot. I could open my mouth a hell of a lot and I don't want to.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: No, I don't want you--to put you in the position to weaken your security but it is in the minutes [redacted]

[redacted] No, I'll just withhold temporarily.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: But you are willing to vote your [redacted] shares in favor of the motion [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Does that tie me up? b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA: No.

[redacted] I will vote.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: You have no objection to the-- He's voting [redacted] shares in favor of the motion. That's [redacted] [redacted] All right. So we've got [redacted] shares by myself. I have voted [redacted] of [redacted] has voted [redacted] shares of [redacted] has voted [redacted] shares [redacted] and then are you going to vote [redacted] in this favor?

LOIS GASBARRI: Yea.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Okay. So she's voting [redacted] b6 b7C shares for [redacted] Motion is carried. All right. Do I hear a motion that the shares outstanding except for [redacted] and those shares when [redacted] and except for [redacted] will be divided equally between myself [redacted], and that the secretary be ordered to issue those shares excepting the [redacted] and excepting the [redacted] shares respectively to myself, Richard Mattrella, [redacted] one half each? Are you going to make that motion?

[redacted] I so move.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: I second. All right. You vote in favor? You cast your vote?

[redacted] Yes. b6 b7C

LOIS GASBARRI: Yes.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Do you have any objection, [redacted] You cast the-- Mr. [redacted] is voting in favor only [redacted] and they can be divided between myself [redacted] All right. You show all those shares present cast a vote in favor of that second motion. Motion is carried. All right. Is there any other business that ought to be transacted? How about putting the building up for sale? Is that agreed upon by everyone?

[redacted] Sure. b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA: Do you so move to place the motel up for sale and authorize, ah, to accept the highest bid for it, assuming everybody agrees?

[redacted] I so move.

RICHARD MATTRELLA: We can get the-- [redacted] is out of town. Louie called and tried to get him for the meeting. Nobody is forced to sell. In other words, if you don't like the price, you don't have to sell. It will be agreed upon, something everybody agrees on. So it will be put up for sale by the two principal shareholders, [redacted]

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION; OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TELEPHONE CALL TO NORFOLK FEB. 1, 1980.

FOR INFO NORFOLK, CAPTIONED STATE JUDGE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ACTIVITIES BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE OPERATION OF THE SHOW BAR, A NUDE DANCING BAR KNOWN FOR PROSTITUTION, [redacted] AT HURLEY, WISCONSIN. SHE [redacted] LOS ANGELES AND IS COOPERATING WITH INVESTIGATION. AMONG INFORMATION SHE HAS FURNISHED IS THAT IN 1973 JUDGE RAINERI, THEN DISTRICT ATTORNEY, RECEIVED TWO STOLEN T.V. SETS FROM AMONG A LOAD OF STOLEN SETS PURCHASED IN NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, BY RICAHRD MATTRELLA, AND TRANSPORTED TO HURLEY, WISC.

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SHE ACKNOWLEDGED POSSESSION OF TWO SUCH STOLEN SETS HERSELF, AND FURNISHED CONSENT TO SEARCH HER RESIDENCE FOR SETS. SEARCH REFLECTED TWO GENERAL ELECTRIC 12" PORTA-COLOR T.V.'S, NO MODEL NUMBER FOUND, ONE BEARING SERIAL NO. 083118; THE OTHER HAVING NUMBER REMOVED. INSIDE SECOND SET ON TUNER WAS LOCATED NO. 684023, BELIEVED TO BE A SERIAL NUMBER. NCIC NEGATIVE REGARDING BOTH. INTERVIEW OF MATTRELLA CORROBORATED ABOVE; SETS REPORTEDLY WERE STOLEN FROM RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES IN CINCINNATI, OHIO/ NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, AREAS. INVESTIGATION REGARDING T.V. SETS BEING CONDUCTED PRIMARILY IN EFFORT TO CORROBORATE [redacted] b6 b7C TESTIMONY, THOUGH CONTINUING VIOLATION OF POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY EXISTS. STATE SEARCH WARRANT FOR RAINERI'S RESIDENCE ANTICIPATED.

LOUISVILLE NOTE THAT MATTRELLA HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AT HURLEY, WISCONSIN.

WARRANTY RECORDS RE GENERAL ELECTRIC T.V.'S MAINTAINED BY VITAL T.V. RECORDS, T.V. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT, GENERAL ELECTRIC CORP., P.O. BOX 1234, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA.

NORFOLK ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ANY WARRANTY INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE ORIGINAL PURCHASERS OF 12" PORTA-COLOR T.V.'S,

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SERIAL NUMBERS 684023 AND 083118. IF SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND PURCHASERS IN CINCINNATI/NEWPORT AREA, SET FORTH APPROPRIATE LEADS FOR INTERVIEW TO DETERMINE IF THESE SETS STOLEN AND FOR SOME REASON NOT IN NCIC.

CINCINNATI CONTACT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT., WHICH ON MARCH 1, 1973, HAD IN CUSTODY ONE [redacted], WHO ADMITTED TO OVER 30 HOUSE BURGLARIES IN CINCINNATI, OHIO, AREA INVOLVING T.V. SETS AND DETERMINE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS BURGLARIZED AND IF ABOVE DESCRIBED T.V. SETS CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLY COMING FROM THESE RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES. b6 b7C

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION; OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE TELCALL FEBRUARY 1, 1980, OF SA [redacted] b6 b7C WISCONSIN, RA; NORFOLK TELCALL TO SA [redacted] SA [redacted] NORFOLK, FEBRUARY 1, 1980; AND MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO NORFOLK DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1980.

ON FEBRUARY 1, 1980, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT RECORDS ARE ONLY MAINTAINED FOR PRIOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; THEREFORE, SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY TV SETS MENTIONED IN RETELETYPE. ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY ON FEBRUARY 1, 1980.

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LOUIS GASBARRI, date of birth August 6, 1918, 410 Poplar Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, telephone number 715-561-4590, advised that he is the son of JAMES GASBARRI, who has been dead approximately 10 years, and is the brother of JOHN GASBARRI, also known as Jack, Jackpot, who died in about 1975. In addition to himself and JACK, JAMES had [redacted] Wisconsin, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] b6 b7C

In around 1960, the White Way Motel was established at Hurley, Wisconsin, by RICHARD MATTRELLA, [redacted] JAMES GASBARRI, [redacted] JACK GASBARRI, [redacted] These were the original stockholders having the following approximate shares: b6 b7C

RICHARD MATTRELLA - over 30 shares, exact number unknown.

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JAMES GASBARRI - 50 shares.

JACK GASBARRI - 32 shares.

[redacted]

When JAMES GASBARRI and JACK GASBARRI died, their stockholdings were never settled and until the recent sale of the White Way Motel, they have been on the books as stockholders of the above number of shares. Neither JAMES nor JACK left a will when they died, although neither one's estates went through probate court. JAMES did not leave much, as he was sick during the last years of his life and

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by SA [redacted] /kls Date dictated 12/21/79 b6 b7C

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his bills were mainly taken care of by JACK. It was LOUIS GASBARRI's feeling, however, that upon his father's death, his father's 50 shares of White Way Motel stock should rightfully have been equally divided among the [redacted] When JACK died, there was again no probate proceeding, all of his belongings [redacted] b6 b7C

During the summer of 1978, there was a meeting of White Way Motel, Inc. at the motel. Present at the meeting were RICHARD MATTRELLA; [redacted] LOIS GASBARRI [redacted] b6 b7C by ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Iron County; and himself, LOUIS GASBARRI. The main topic of the meeting was to approve the sale of the motel, which was done. RAINERI called his court reporter, who came to the meeting and recorded the minutes, for which she was paid by the corporation. LOUIS GASBARRI has seen these minutes and stated that what is recorded is correct but the minutes are incomplete and do not present a true picture of the participation of ALEX RAINERI in the meeting. RAINERI, during the course of the meeting, made a few comments and assisted RICHARD MATTRELLA in the meeting's organization. RAINERI acted more in an [redacted] Everyone present questioned why RAINERI was attending this meeting. The question of stock ownership came up and LOUIS pointed out that his father still owned 50 shares. DICK MATTRELLA claimed that JAMES GASBARRI's shares represented his (MATTRELLA's) money and they were in Mr. GASBARRI's name only. LOUIS recalled that on the day his father died, his brother, JACK GASBARRI, told him that JAMES still had 50 shares of White Way Motel stock valued at $5,000 ($100 per share). At the meeting, ALEX RAINERI said that if JAMES had any shares, they should have been paid off by JACK GASBARRI for $5,000 when the family cottage called the Island, near Marenisco, Michigan, was sold about 15 years ago. The family cottage had been in LOUIS GASBARRI's name. RAINERI maintained that JAMES GASBARRI had no money in the corporation and that the only investors were JACK GASBARRI and DICK MATTRELLA. In so claiming, ALEX was [redacted] JACK's shares. ALEX said to LOIS GASBARRI, JACK's first wife, who [redacted] that [redacted] b6 b7C

was the only survivor of JACK. [redacted] LOUIS GASBARRI had been arguing for years with DICK MATTRELLA about his father's shares of stock. When ALEX RAINERI backed DICK MATTRELLA's position, there was not much that LOUIS could do to contest this. Since he was not out any money of his own, having invested nothing in the shares, he decided to drop the issue. LOUIS further noted that [redacted] Wisconsin, also had shares in the corporation and as far as he knows, [redacted] has never been compensated for his shares. He noted that both the shares of [redacted] were paid off by the corporation, and the shares of [redacted] were turned over to [redacted] RICHARD MATTRELLA.

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LOUIS noted that he had been called to this meeting because he had managed the White Way Motel from its opening in November, 1960, until May 27, 1979, when the motel closed just before its sale. [redacted] and LOIS GASBARRI [redacted] had [redacted] at the motel. Just before the sale, the State of Wisconsin was after the motel corporation to pay these employees minimum wage, which the corporation was not doing as it was not making any money. The original asking price for the motel was $90,000. This was decided upon by DICK MATTRELLA [redacted] LOUIS did not recall any statements or input from ALEX RAINERI regarding the selling price or later lowering of this price. At one meeting of the motel corporation, Realtor [redacted] was present and it was [redacted] who listed and ultimately sold the business. [redacted] received an offer to purchase the motel for $65,000 and a meeting of the shareholders was called to determine whether or not this offer would be accepted. This meeting was held in February or March, 1979, and present at the meeting were [redacted]; an attorney named [redacted] from Ironwood, Michigan; LOIS GASBARRI; [redacted] of Ironwood, Michigan, [redacted] RICHARD MATTRELLA; and RICHARD's [redacted] did not show up for the meeting. This meeting was held two days after its originally scheduled date, when it was postponed because [redacted] On the date of the original

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meeting, [redacted] had come to Hurley from Merrill to attend this meeting. At the later meeting, HOWARD HARDY acted as a proxy for [redacted] Nobody acted [redacted] The offer to purchase came from [redacted] and an associate and their financing was not known. [redacted] had stopped the sale once by placing a lien on the property to hold it up. They then had to get her to release her lien, which held up the sale several months. The original offer to purchase had been in effect until April 30, 1979, but the purchasers agreed to lengthen their offer while the problems [redacted] were being ironed out. LOUIS has heard that ALEX RAINERI put [redacted] up to making the offer of $60,000 plus commission for the motel, then later backed out of financing its purchase. b6 b7C

After the sale of the motel, there were all kinds of unpaid bills, including back wages to employees. These were taken care of until all creditors were satisfied, and what was left should have been divided up among the stockholders. [redacted] for his stock. LOUIS was not sure whether or not all of the proceeds of the sale had been divided up as there was about $7,000 left in the bank at the First National Bank of Ironwood. DICK MATTRELLA was in town around November, 1979, and may have drawn it out at this time. b6 b7C

LOUIS advised that his brother, JACK GASBARRI, had operated the Showbar in Hurley, Wisconsin, although the building in which the Showbar operated was listed in the name of LOUIS [redacted] JACK had told LOUIS to sell the building, keeping 25% for himself [redacted] After JACK's death, [redacted] was after LOUIS to give her some sort of a paper reflecting [redacted] of the Showbar building. ALEX RAINERI, who was Iron County District Attorney at the time, prepared and signed such a paper. A couple of months later, LOUIS GASBARRI learned that a quitclaim deed had been filed at the courthouse, showing that [redacted] the property and LOUIS owned 25%. Neither he [redacted] recalled ever signing any such deed, although when they examined the deed at the courthouse it appeared to bear their signatures. This deed was also prepared by ALEX RAINERI and LOUIS felt that he must have signed it inadvertently among the papers presented to him b6 b7C

by RAINERI. On one occasion, he has questioned RAINERI about this deed and its signing and RAINERI just smiled slyly and did not answer his questions. After the Showbar burned in April of 1979, the insurance man said that the insurance for the building was [redacted] He has shown these described papers to Attorney [redacted] and has been told by the Fire Marshal and the insurance adjuster that he has a right to 25% of any insurance settlement. The building was insured for about $55,000 [redacted] never made a claim on this insurance. Until JACK died, LOUIS' [redacted] of the Ritz Bar Inc., corporate name of the Showbar, for the company's liquor license. This was done because his brother, JACK, had a criminal record and could not obtain the license in his name. After JACK's death, [redacted] At that point, BERT STELLA, retired Chief of Police from Hurley, who was the cleanup man at the Showbar, was made registered agent.

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LOUIS noted that his father, JAMES GASBARRI, had an old house located on mining company property when he died. LOUIS has received tax notices for this house for the years 1975 and 1976 reflecting the house to be listed under JAMES GASBARRI Estate. After JACK GASBARRI's death, [redacted] ALEX RAINERI [redacted] getting the proceeds which amounted only to about $500. JAMES had originally been a mine worker, later selling vegetables he raised in his garden, and in his later years JACK got him into a bar as a day bartender at the Flame Bar, 15 Silver Street in Hurley. JAMES had held a liquor license for JACK in that business.

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LOUIS GASBARRI advised that all records of the White Way Motel were left in the basement of the motel when it was sold in the summer of 1979 [redacted] He stated that he does not know where [redacted] resides and does not know his telephone number. He stated that his [redacted] has never formally complained about not receiving any money for his shares in the White Way Motel, although he has occasionally said he was going to make a formal complaint.

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From his association with both the White Way Motel and the Showbar, he is aware that some of the dancers from the Showbar stayed at the motel. In addition to their dancing, some of these girls were occasionally involved in prostitution. The motel ultimately had to prohibit or limit the staying of the dancers at the motel because they were entertaining too much company at night. One night, there was a big argument between one of the dancers [redacted] at the motel. He learned from [redacted] that on another occasion, there were two girls in one unit and a large amount of commotion of people going in and out of their room. On this occasion, DICK MATTRELLA, who was present, had this commotion pointed out to him. MATTRELLA then called LOUIS GASBARRI and told him that no "funny business" was to be allowed in the motel. LOUIS noted that a number of the Negro female dancers who worked at the Showbar often lied to him when staying at the motel. b6 b7C

He stated that these dancers from the Showbar should be aware of the [redacted] ALEX RAINERI. He has observed ALEX RAINERI going into the side door of the Showbar quite a number of times, although the exact times or dates are unknown. He stated that he observed this on occasion when he was at the motel, although he was not always in a position to observe the Showbar. He noted that local rumor has it that ALEX RAINERI [redacted] b6 b7C

GASBARRI advised that when Bookkeeper [redacted] closed up the books of the White Way Motel Corporation after its sale, he brought these books to LOUIS GASBARRI to be ultimately furnished to DICK MATTRELLA. MATTRELLA has never come for these books and GASBARRI had them present at his residence at this time. He noted that the minutes book of the corporation was not among these records, these only being the business records. He suggested that as [redacted] had these books at the time of sale, [redacted] may still possess the minutes book. b6 b7C

LOUIS stated that he knew that ALEX RAINERI had represented his brother, JACK GASBARRI, before JACK's death, and after this time furnished legal representation to [redacted] In his opinion, he felt that RAINERI had b6 b7C

continued to [redacted] even after RAINERI became Iron County Circuit Judge. It was common knowledge in Hurley that RAINERI [redacted] b6 b7C

GASBARRI made available for review the general ledger and miscellaneous account ledger regarding the White Way Motel and an envelope containing White Way Motel records. He also furnished copies of an agreement between [redacted] LOUIS [redacted], dated December 31, 1975, relating to the building known as the Showbar; a copy of quitclaim deed, document 74784, between LOUIS GASBARRI [redacted]; and a copy of letter of [redacted] dated April 8, 1977, to LOUIS GASBARRI, Manager of the White Way Motel. b6 b7C

April 8, 1977

White Way Motel Inc.
Hurley, Wis. 54534

Mr. Louis Gasbarri, Mgr.

I have your letter of April 6, with regard to the request of Mr. Mattrella.

I regret to inform you that while the Showbar has been operating since my last payment, it has barely made the overhead expenses. In fact it was behind at times. That is the reason I am behind with payments.

While I am writing you about the Motel, I would like you to have Mr. Mattrella send me the current true statement of assets and liabilities for the motel. Also, the results and changes of its operations for the latest fiscal year. I request a statement of surplus on hand and if changes occurred, the reasons for the change. This information should be all in reasonable detail. As soon as I have examined these records I shall require all of the records in detail for the same information of the past 10 years.

Wisconsin and Federal laws require a corporation to furnish this information to a shareholder upon request. I hope to have this information in 10 days.

I have already written Mr. Mattrella about other matters concerning the motel and you can have him furnish that information also.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted] b6 b7C

DOCUMENT NO.

74784

QUIT CLAIM DEED
STATE OF WISCONSIN—FORM 11
THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RECORDING DATA

REGISTER'S OFFICE)
IRON COUNTY, WIS.)

Received for Record the 4th day of August 1976 at 11 b6 b7C A.M. and duly recorded in Vol 102 of RECORDS on Page 247

Register of Deeds

RE

THIS INDENTURE, Made this _____ day of _____ A. D., 19 ____, between Louis Gasbarri as husband individually, of Hurley, Wisconsin

_____ part ies of the first part, and

_____

part y of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said part ies of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ~~one dollar and other good and valuable consideration~~ _____ Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said part y of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, and quit-claimed, and by these presents do ____ give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release and quit-claim unto the said part y of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Iron and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

An undivided _____ interest in and to

Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Northern Chief Iron Company's Third Addition to the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wis.

Retained by the grantors a One Quarter undivided interest in and to the above described property.

Further agreed by the grantee as part of the consideration hereto that she is to pay all taxes and assessments when due and payable and to heat and maintain said building for repairs and upkeep during the term of ownership by both parties, hereto.

Upon sale of the building the proceeds shall first go to pay all expenses of sale and the balance divided as per the proportion of ownership, _____ and 1/4 to Louis _____ to each, _____ b6 b7C

Exempt under 77.25(9).

FILE 77.25(9) EXEMPT

To Have and To Hold the same, together with all and singular the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging or in anywise thereunto appertaining, and all the estate, right, title, interest and claim whatsoever of the said part ies of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said part y of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said part ies of the first part have hereunto set their hand s and seal s this 1st day of September, A. D., 19 75.

SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENCE OF

_____

Louis Gasbarri (SEAL) b6 b7C

Louis Gasbarri

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF WISCONSIN, }
Iron County. } ss.

Personally came before me, this 1st day of September, A. D., 19 75 the above named Louis Gasbarri _____ b6 b7C

to me known to be the person ____ who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

NOTARY SEAL

This instrument drafted by

Alex J. Raineri, Atty

Notary Public _____ County, Wis.

My Commission (Expires) (Is) _____

(Section 59.51 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that all instruments to be recorded shall have plainly printed or typewritten thereon the names of the grantors, grantees, witnesses and notary).

AGREEMENT

This agreement made by and between [redacted] b6 b7C Hurleye, Wisconsin and Louis Gasbarri [redacted] of Hurley, Wisconsin.

In consideration of the conveyance by Louis Gasbarri [redacted] interest in and to b6 b7C Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Northern Chief Iron Company's 3rd Addition to the City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin [redacted] does hereby:

Sell, assign and convey to Louis Gasbarri [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] interest in and to all fixtures, equipment and personal property located upon said Lots 7 and 8 and in the building known as the Showbar, City of Hurley, Iron County, Wisconsin.

Save Harmless [redacted] Louis Gasbarri from b6 b7C any and all claims or suits for property damage or personal injury occurring on said premises or from any and all debts incurred as a result of the operation ofthe showbar business.

She agrees that Louis Gasbarri [redacted] may b6 b7C sell [redacted] interest in said Showbar building and equipment at any time subject to offering first purchase rights to [redacted] [redacted] at the same price as the [redacted] may be offered to others for sale.

That [redacted] shall assume all responsibility for b6 b7C all debts and expenses and repairs and improvements made to the Showbar premises above described and hold harmless Louis Gasbarri [redacted] from any and all liability therefor.

That [redacted] shall take full responsibility for b6 b7C any violations of any City Ordinance, State Law or Federal law resulting from the operation of the Showbar business and especially

[redacted] shall assume full responsibility for any law violations b6 b7C

as manager ofthe Show bar business.

[redacted] shall save harmless [redacted] from b6 b7C

any and all claims or prosecutions by reason of [redacted]

[redacted] Ritz Bar Inc. a Wisconsin Corporation holding [redacted]

[redacted] Showbar business in Burley, Wisconsin.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1975.

[redacted] b6 b7C

Witnessed:

Ole Kaiser

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[redacted] Holiday Inn, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that [redacted] the Holiday Inn Motel since [redacted] and has been [redacted] The Holiday Inn is owned by Brooke Inns, P. O. Box 309, Lake Forest, Illinois. b6 b7C

When the Holiday Inn opened a manager was brought in from Minnesota, and, as state law required the corporate agent to have been a resident of Wisconsin for at least one year, this manager could not be listed as agent on the Holiday Inn's liquor license. At that time ALEX RAINERI was District Attorney of Iron County, and somehow, in a manner unknown to [redacted] RAINERI's [redacted] ended up on the liquor license as corporate agent. She has remained so listed since that time, the license being renewed on a yearly basis on June 30th of each year. [redacted] noted that she has always been a resident of Wisconsin, and since becoming [redacted] in 1974, could have been [redacted] She assumed that there was a fee involved to Mrs. [redacted] for the use of [redacted] this fee being paid by the office of [redacted] Attorney for Brooke Inns, at Janesville, Wisconsin. [redacted] Holiday Inn Downtown, Green Bay, Wisconsin, was director of operations when the Holiday Inn was built in Hurley, and would be the best person to know how Mrs. [redacted] on the liquor license. The only other person still a director of the corporation who was so in 1972, is Mr. [redacted] himself, of Lake Forest, Illinois. The Holiday Inn was built by Naaman Robinson Construction, upon the recommendation of the Holiday Inn Corporation, and Mr. [redacted] is now believed to reside [redacted] She has heard rumors of a lot of theft and prostitution at the Holiday Inn during construction, but she was not present at the time to know of this. b6 b7C

She has received a number of complaints and questions from local people as to [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] Holiday Inn, a number stating that they did not want to drink at the Holiday Inn if the b6 b7C

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[redacted] were in any way involved in its business. She has seen the [redacted] present a few times at the Holiday Inn, at a charity ball, to witness entertainment, and on several occasions in the summer, though they are not at all regular customers. [redacted] is not, to Mrs. [redacted] knowledge, employed outside [redacted] b6 b7C

There never has been a liquor problem or arrest in connection with the Holiday Inn property.

The Holiday Inn has experienced some problems with dancers from the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, who were staying at the Holiday Inn and also being involved in prostitution. She recalled one incident, date not recalled, when a negro female dancer from the Show Bar was observed by the Holiday Inn's night manager knocking on doors and soliciting prostitution business. She personally called the Show Bar and stated that she wanted this girl out of the Holiday Inn. [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, later arrived and took this girl to the airport. Show Bar dancers often stayed at the Holiday Inn, and one of the biggest problems the Holiday Inn experienced was in getting their correct names. [redacted] advised that lists of the Holiday Inn's registrants were kept on a month by month basis for seven years, so almost all registration records since the Inn opened would be available if one knew the month to check. b6 b7C

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[redacted], was interviewed at her residence [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, (telephone [redacted] She furnished the following information: b6 b7C

She has [redacted] and her now deceased husband, "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, [redacted] the Show Bar, [redacted] JACK GASBARRI died) [redacted] White Way Motel, Hurley, Wisconsin, owned by the [redacted] and RICHARD MATTRELLA. She left the Show Bar [redacted] b6 b7C

Mrs. [redacted] advised that the Show Bar employed dancers who were actual "strippers" and also who were very likely prostitutes. Although she could not state positively that the girls "hustled" at the Show Bar, their activities indicated that this was going on. On occasion, the dancers would meet with men in the bar and would take them upstairs or out of the bar, the dancers later returning alone. On a number of occasions the dancers stayed next-door at the White Way Motel, and on many occasions [redacted] at the Motel she would discover men in the rooms of the dancers, [redacted] dancers for another person's presence. She experienced a number of problems with the Show Bar girls at the White Way Motel, and there were "people coming and going all night." When she complained to [redacted] about this, [redacted] as many of the dancers were negros. On one occasion RICHARD MATTRELLA, who was part owner of the White Way Motel was present when an incident occurred, and he personally kicked the prostitute out of the motel. MATTRELLA then told [redacted] he did not want prostitution occurring there. On another night there was an incident in which the Hurley Police Department was called. This incident involved a [redacted] and another [redacted] b6 b7C

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who were involved in the [redacted] b6
[redacted] in Ironwood, Michigan, in late 1978. This [redacted] b7C
[redacted] is owned by a man named [redacted] who also owns
a liquor store called the [redacted] in
Hurley.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that it is no secret in b6
Hurley, Wisconsin, that [redacted] b7C
of ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] RAINERI [redacted]
[redacted] This occurred [redacted] death of JACKPOT
GASBARRI in late 1975, while RAINERI was initially District
Attorney of Iron County, and extending into 1978 and 1979
when RAINERI was Judge of Iron County. On one occasion
[redacted] told her that if there were any problems and she
[redacted] should contact RAINERI.
RAINERI was almost a daily visitor to the Show Bar before
it burned and also regularily telephoned to talk [redacted]
at the bar. [redacted] RAINERI regularily made trips to
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and to Iron River, Michigan, to
locate girls to dance at the Show Bar, [redacted] would
bring them back to Hurley. This she learned in conversa-
tion from [redacted] RAINERI
he would get into trouble with this activity, but he
said "nothing can happen to him."

On particular incident which [redacted] recalled, b6
[redacted] the Jack-O'-Lantern Bar in Iron River, b7C
Michigan, accompanied by a negro female dancer, arrived
one cold fall day at the White Way Motel and entered in
order to register. [redacted] the Jack-O'-Lantern
stated that they had come to Hurley by bus, which [redacted]
knew was not the case as there was no bus running at that
time. Later in conversation with the negro female dancer,
this dancer told [redacted] that they had been transported
from Iron River to Hurley by ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] de-
[redacted] Jack-O'-Lantern as being
[redacted] The girls who danced at the Show Bar also worked
at the Jack-O'-Lantern.

In September, 1978, [redacted] b6
ALEX RAINERI to Reno, Nevada, where RAINERI was attending b7C

a legal conference. She believes that RAINERI's [redacted] b6
[redacted] knows about RAINERI's [redacted] b7C
as one time [redacted] RAINERI house
and another time RAINERI [redacted]
Ashland and ALEX left [redacted] there.
[redacted]

Late in 1978 RAINERI [redacted] b6
[redacted] in or near Ironwood, Michigan, b7C
the [redacted]
who lives on [redacted]
the White Way Motel. [redacted] RAINERI
[redacted]

In early 1979, RAINERI and [redacted] b6
[redacted] b7C
Hurley, Wisconsin, in about May or June of 1979. During
this time [redacted] that RAINERI had told
[redacted] or he would [redacted].
[redacted]
that RAINERI was also [redacted]
[redacted], who has been around Hurley since about 1961
dancing at the Carnival Club and the Show Bar, and who,
though [redacted] is a prostitute.
[redacted] once overheard [redacted]
[redacted] ALEX RAINERI, because [redacted] had gotten
mad at her as a result. On some occasions, [redacted]
RAINERI, [redacted] in Hurley.

On another instance, in about early 1979,
[redacted] and b6
tend bar at the Show Bar. One night Mrs. [redacted] b7C
[redacted] sometime after 1:00 a.m. at the White
Way Motel, [redacted] inquiring if Mrs. [redacted] had seen her
[redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] at the White Way Motel, [redacted] came to
the motel and [redacted] and
was very angry. At that time [redacted] to dial
a phone number [redacted] to "ask for ALEX."
[redacted] did this and a voice she believed to have been

Mrs. [redacted] ALEX was not at home.

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[redacted], Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] furnished the following information: b6 b7C

[redacted] located at this address. It [redacted] because of [redacted] He had been trying to obtain a liquor license since September, 1978, for his operation, having his [redacted] While these attempts were being made, he heard that ALEX RAINERI was reported to have contacted the Hurley City Council and told them not to issue a license [redacted], in that they did not have the power to vote to give [redacted] license. [redacted] finally had a friend of his obtain a liquor license and the [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that the [redacted] into prostitution. He stated that [redacted] He is quite upset in this matter with ALEX RAINERI, Iron County Circuit Judge, as he was told by RAINERI's [redacted], that ALEX RAINERI [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it was common knowledge in Hurley, Wisconsin, that prostitution was being carried on by the dancers of the Show Bar. These dancers were using the upstairs of the Show Bar and also the White Way Motel located next-door to the Show Bar to turn their tricks. In about October, 1978, he, [redacted] at the Show Bar for about [redacted] when ALEX RAINERI [redacted] to Reno, Nevada, where ALEX attended a judicial convention. [redacted] did not admit b6 b7C

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initially [redacted] RAINERI, but told [redacted] b6 b7C
that she was going to [redacted]
However, while she was gone she called [redacted]
[redacted] and she referred [redacted] to a man
from Ironwood, Michigan, name not recalled. At this
time [redacted] through the telephone, overheard [redacted]
[redacted] ALEX RAINERI. Since that
time it has become common knowledge [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Show Bar was originally
owned by [redacted], JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, b6 b7C
[redacted] The Show Bar burned in early
1979, and it is [redacted] belief from stories that he has
heard that [redacted] He stated
that [redacted]
[redacted] and he believed that ALEX RAINERI, who
"doesn't do anything for nothing" may have either owned
the Show Bar or have been attempting to own it. At the
time the [redacted]
with ALEX RAINERI, and they were in the process of breaking
up. Additionally, [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] He noted that
rumors indicated [redacted] the Show Bar [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] said that the names WHITNEY OSBOURN b6 b7C
[redacted] were vaguely familiar to him, and
he believed them to be [redacted] living
in a rooming house at [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin.
He stated that to his knowledge these individuals have
never had any hand in the operation of the Show Bar.

[redacted], advised b6 b7C
that both he [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
at Hurley, Wisconsin. His conviction was allegedly for
[redacted]

[redacted] advised that ALEX RAINERI was deeply involved in the operation of the Show Bar and related prostitution activities, and he has extensive information relating to this. On one instance he learned from a dancer at the Show Bar, [redacted] that ALEX RAINERI had traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to get her to bring her back to dance at the Show Bar and to engage in prostitution. [redacted] He stated that with such a guarantee he would be more than happy to "make a case" against ALEX RAINERI.

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RICHARD MATTRELLA, 32 Bordeaux Drive, Highland Heights, Kentucky (606-441-0001), was contacted at the residence of [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin [redacted] where he furnished the following information: b6 b7C

He was originally a partner in the White Way Motel Corporation, Hurley, Wisconsin, with JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI. While "JACKPOT" was still alive, the Internal Revenue Service placed a lien against GASBARRI and MATTRELLA for $31,000 in back taxes. When "JACKPOT" died, MATTRELLA, as "JACKPOT's" partner, became liable for his taxes, and entered into an agreement to pay the Internal Revenue Service $57,800, consisting of taxes of roughly $31,000 and interest of roughly $26,000. When the White Way Motel was sold in 1979 for $60,000, the first requirement was that back payments to employees be made, and from this LOUIE GASBARRI received $9,000, [redacted] and FRENCHIE (LOIS) GASBARRI received $1,100. MATTRELLA, who has 62 shares of White Way Motel stock, [redacted] taking this along with the money [redacted] had owed him and applying it to the lien of [redacted] After everything was divided up there was still about $7,000 in the bank, and on December 31, 1979, MATTRELLA closed the White Way Motel bank account by taking a check for $6,900 from the bank and making it payable to [redacted] On January 9, 1980, MATTRELLA made a payment of $27,000 to [redacted] representing taxes going all the way back to 1953 for the Club Carnival. This was for cabaret tax, entertainers taxes, etc., and involved a 1958 settlement for approximately $70,000. MATTRELLA stated that JACK GASBARRI had been paying over $900 per month on this settlement, which was half paid for when the Club Carnival burned in the early 1970's. MATTRELLA stated that he did not realize even a dime from the sale of the White Way Motel. b6 b7C

In 1952 MATTRELLA, who had been born and raised in Hurley, Wisconsin, went to Kentucky to go into business.

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In 1953 he and JACK GASBARRI built the Club Carnival in Hurley, Wisconsin, which they owned and operated until it burned in 1971. Later they purchased the Show Bar under land contract [redacted] and JACK made the payments on the building until it was paid off. JACK could not put the Show Bar into his name because he owed the government taxes and they would take it, so it was placed in the name of his brother, LOUIS GASBARRI. MATTRELLA stated that he had always been under the impression that he owned part of the Show Bar, but LOUIE said that JACK told him before he died that LOUIE was to get one-fourth and [redacted] LOUIE told MATTRELLA that [redacted] ALEX RAINERI got him (LOUIE) to sign some papers, and without LOUIE's knowledge he ended up having signed a quick claim deed [redacted]

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In April, 1979, the Show Bar burned, [redacted] On January 2, 1980, MATTRELLA went to see the insurance adjuster, who said that the insurance company wants to [redacted] before paying off on the insurance, and [redacted] so they will not release payment until they are satisfied.

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In the early 1960's the White Way Motel Corporation borrowed $50,000 from a bank in Duluth to purchase the motel at auction, have it moved, and then build on an addition at its current location. The corporation consisted of RICHARD MATTRELLA, secretary; "JACKPOT" GASBARRI, president; his father, JAMES GASBARRI; [redacted] "JACKPOT'S" [redacted] "JACKPOT's" [redacted] who was then "JACKPOT's" [redacted] RICHARD's [redacted] MATTRELLA stated that he did not know the reason this was made into a corporation, as he and "JACKPOT" were the only investors. The corporate stockholders remained the same until the motel was sold in 1979, except that when "JACKPOT" [redacted] "JACKPOT" paid her off for her stock. At the time of sale [redacted] claimed that [redacted] and had cashed them in for his investment, thus [redacted] was paid off at the time of sale.

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From 1962 until the present, MATTRELLA has been in Kentucky, and not in direct touch with what has been going on in the White Way Motel. His only contact with the motel was that he stayed there when he came to visit relatives in Hurley. The bank in Duluth was paid off, but there never seemed to be any profit in the motel, and money was disappearing, ostensibly on linen costs, but apparently into someone's pocket.

In the summer of 1978 MATTRELLA was at a White Way Motel Corporation meeting at which ALEX RAINERI was present [redacted] b6 b7C RAINERI talked and took an active part in the meeting, at which it was decided to sell the motel. [redacted] to sell the motel, and ALEX had recommended it be sold because MATTRELLA [redacted] When they finally had a sale for the motel, [redacted] MATTRELLA was all ALEX RAINERI's doing. MATTRELLA stated that he has his own ideas that ALEX RAINERI wanted to buy the motel, but he has never heard that RAINERI actually was involved in its purchase.

MATTRELLA stated that he really had no hand in the operation of the Show Bar, which was operated completely by "JACKPOT" [redacted] He did not think that "JACKPOT" had a will when he died, though JACK and ALEX RAINERI were very close and JACK put a lot of trust into ALEX. b6 b7C

MATTRELLA stated that ALEX [redacted] "JACKPOT" was still alive, and often [redacted] MATTRELLA stated that he suspected ALEX RAINERI has been profitting from the Show Bar for years, and also from other bars in Hurley, Wisconsin, though he declined to say which ones. Though he and ALEX attended high school together, they are not the best of friends and ALEX has "done everything in his power to screw MATTRELLA out of the motel and everything else." MATTRELLA noted that when he was convicted of racketeering in 1974 and was about to be sentenced, he was requested to give testimony against "JACKPOT" b6 b7C

GASBARRI and ALEX RAINERI, whom the government wanted to prosecute. He stated at that time he did not know information which would incriminate these individuals.

MATTRELLA advised that he has recently talked to [redacted] who has said that ALEX [redacted] stated [redacted] "really bury ALEX" and [redacted] that ALEX got prostitutes from Iron River, Michigan, and brought them to Hurley. MATTRELLA stated that [redacted] has also told him this. b6 b7C

MATTRELLA advised that he has never paid anything to ALEX RAINERI, though "JACKPOT" paid quite a lot of money to ALEX, including paying his expenses to Las Vegas and making collections from four or five places in downtown Hurley which he then gave to ALEX. MATTRELLA described "JACKPOT" as being ALEX's "bag man" and the places in downtown Hurley that were involved as being other bars involved in prostitution.

ALEX RAINERI has been District Attorney of Iron County since his brother quit in about 1960, until he became Judge at the beginning of 1978. To the best of MATTRELLA's knowledge, there have never been any local arrests for prostitution and there has never been any pressure from the local police to enforce prostitution laws or closing hours laws. He noted that all of the bars in Hurley turned out their lights at closing time but kept on going inside with business as usual. He noted that the prosecutor of Iron County is in a strong position and "JACKPOT" GASBARRI was well liked and "made himself liked by the law", financially.

MATTRELLA stated he did not know "JACKPOT" to be giving cash Christmas presents to law enforcement officers in Iron County, Wisconsin, but stated that he knows "JACKPOT" gave out a case or so of whiskey for Christmas on occasion.

MATTRELLA stated that he would never have thought of selling the White Way Motel, a 20 unit motel,

for $60,000, as the original asking price was $90,000. [redacted] told him that [redacted] was interested in the motel at $60,000, and MATTRELLA went to see [redacted] at which time this was offered and MATTRELLA laughed. [redacted] then said it was [redacted] to sell the motel for $60,000, but MATTRELLA has later heard that ALEX RAINERI [redacted] to making that offer.

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ALBERT STELLA, also known as, BERT, age 71, 224 Cary Road (Highway 77), Hurley, Wisconsin (561-2336), advised he has been retired from his position of Chief of Police at Hurley, Wisconsin, for seven years, having been a Hurley police officer for 21 years, during which time he never asked for or took a dollar from anyone. STELLA advised further as follows:

He has worked at the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, cleaning up during the morning hours, from two or three years before JACK GASBARRI died, right up until the Show Bar burned in April, 1979. The Show Bar was originally owned by JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI and RICHARD MATTRELLA as partners, but MATTRELLA sold out to "JACKPOT" sometime before "JACKPOT" died. "JACKPOT's" [redacted] the Show Bar [redacted] STELLA described [redacted] of the Bar's existence, at which time [redacted] During that latter period on occasion [redacted] would call STELLA at the bar and ask him [redacted] During this period of time when she was having these problems STELLA suggested to [redacted] of the Show Bar.

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When "JACKPOT" was still alive, ALEX RAINERI, now Judge and formerly District Attorney of Iron County, [redacted] were present at the Show Bar regularly. Since "JACKPOT's" death, STELLA has heard rumors that [redacted] ALEX [redacted] and he has heard [redacted] ALEX's car, but he has never seen ALEX RAINERI [redacted] and as he worked mornings at the Show Bar he never saw RAINERI there. STELLA stated that the only time that he went to [redacted] He noted that [redacted] a Hurley, Wisconsin, [redacted] is trying to sell [redacted] and he, STELLA, along with [redacted] possess keys

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Investigation on 1/15/80 at Hurley, Wisconsin File # MI 194-35-66

by SAs [redacted] TEB:hah Date dictated 1/18/80

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to her house. [redacted] shortly after the fire that burned the Show Bar. b6 b7C

STELLA stated that when "JACKPOT" was living he believed that ALEX RAINERI was doing some of the book work for the Show Bar. Later, an Ironwood, Michigan, bookkeeper, named [redacted] did the books until about one month before the Show Bar burned. [redacted] used to come to the bar to pick up information regarding the bar's receipts. b6 b7C

At the time the Show Bar burned there was nobody living above it. On previous occasions, [redacted] often had dancers, who were also believed to be prostitutes, staying above the bar. In later years a number of these were negro females who caused a lot of problems with the law and [redacted] b6 b7C

STELLA acknowledged that he was the registered agent and president of the corporation holding the liquor license for the Show Bar, the corporation being called Ritz Bar, Inc. When "JACKPOT" was living he had asked STELLA to be the agent on the liquor license because "JACKPOT" had a criminal record. "JACKPOT" presented STELLA with an original paper to sign which made him president of the corporation and agent, though "JACKPOT" stated, "this did not mean anything." STELLA stated he did not get paid anything for having these positions, and during the time he has been listed as president of the corporation he has never attended a corporate meeting. Every year he was presented with a similar paper to be signed for renewal of the liquor license, either by "JACKPOT" or after "JACKPOT's" death, [redacted] ALEX RAINERI may have been the lawyer for the Show Bar when "JACKPOT" was living, but there was never anyone present to notarize STELLA's signature when he signed it on these forms, including ALEX. STELLA reiterated that his signature was never notarized by anyone in his presence on the liquor license renewal forms. He stated that he has never had any telephone conversations regarding the Show Bar with ALEX RAINERI. b6 b7C

STELLA advised that he did not mix with the owners or management of the Show Bar, but just did his work, which consisted of mopping, sweeping, cleaning up, and bringing beer supplies up from the basement and putting them in the cooler. Most of the time the Show Bar did a good business, though toward the end it was not so profitable. He currently has two checks [redacted] that have bounced, and he is waiting [redacted] b6 b7C

STELLA stated that he never delivered envelopes or Christmas presents to anyone on the Hurley Police Department or Iron County Sheriff's Department, and whoever says he did so is lying. He recalled that [redacted] gave him a bottle of liquor for Christmas, but he has no idea of what she may have given to the police. b6 b7C

STELLA exhibited a letter dated October 30, 1979, from a [redacted] stating he was an attorney representing [redacted] and requesting that the contents of her car be sent by STELLA C.O.D. to [redacted] STELLA stated that he did this as requested, the contents of the vehicle being dishes, clothes, jewelry, and similar personal items, and not being records of the Show Bar which he believed burned in the fire on April 20, 1979, at 3:14 p.m. He stated that Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C

A copy of a Consent to Search form signed by [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and authorizing SA [redacted] and other Special Agents of the FBI to search her residence at [redacted] was exhibited to ALBERT STELLA. STELLA furnished a key to her residence to gain entry for this search. b6 b7C

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

DATE: 2-8-80

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)

OO: MILWAUKEE

ON 1/23/80 this matter was discussed by the writer per request of USA TURKHEIMER with SA's [redacted]

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On 1/30/80 [redacted] advised the writer [redacted]

USA advised.

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Request for Search in National Fraudulent Check File
FD-196 (Rev. 5-13-71)

To: Director, FBI, (Bufile 194-1122) Attention: FBI Laboratory			Date 2/12/80
From: SAC Milwaukee (194-35) (P)	Subject's Description	DOB or approx. age 9/17/18	FBI # or other identifying number --
Re: ALEX J. RAINERI CIRCUIT JUDGE HURLEY, WISCONSIN HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION(B) OO: MI		Sex: Male Race: White Height: 6'0" Weight: 200	
		Build: Medium Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown	
		Glasses: Yes Speech: -- Dress: --	
		Include in details other descriptive information, e.g., scars &/or marks, tattoos, deformities, abnormalities and other general peculiarities as well as information on the modus operandi used in cashing check items.	

The following described checks are attached hereto for search in the National Fraudulent Check File.

Specimen	Check #	Amount	Date	Payable To	Signed	Bank	Date & City Where Cashed
1	[redacted]		2-7-79	[redacted]	[redacted] Ritz Bar	--	--
2	[redacted]		"	[redacted]	"	--	--
3	[redacted]	--	3/12/79	Void	"	--	--
4		--	"	"	"	--	--
5		--	"	Void	"	--	--

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Also enclosed are the following items:

1. Copy of 1976 Wage and Tax Statement for [redacted] [redacted]

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2. Carbon copy of UC-203 Request for Work Record of [redacted] on April 30, 1977;

Specimens: [X] Return to Contributing Office [ ] Bureau Retain [ ] Other; see Details [X] Conduct Latent Fingerprint Examination

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3. Ten pages (legal size) bearing handwriting on one side each;

4. Twelve torn pieces of deposit ledgers bearing unknown handwriting;

5. One torn piece of notebook paper bearing writing.

Captioned investigation relates to behind the scenes activity of Judge RAINERI in the operation of the Show Bar, corporate name Ritz Bar, Incorporated, a nude dancing establishment at Hurley, Wisconsin, well known for prostitution. The owner of the Show Bar is Judge RAINERI's [redacted] b6 b7C

Allegations include that RAINERI prepared daily ledgers, checks to entertainers, etc. for the business, these checks being [redacted] Most of the bar records were destroyed when the bar burned to the ground April 20, 1979; those furnished are the first records located to date. b6 b7C

It is alleged that Ritz Bar checks bearing [redacted] were prepared by RAINERI and [redacted] It is further alleged that [redacted] on the UC-203 form was written by RAINERI. Ten pages (legal size) bearing handwriting and one torn page of notebook paper bearing handwriting are allegedly the handwriting of RAINERI, though approximately 15 years old. Additional handwriting exemplars and fingerprints to be obtained. FD-9 reflected no record for RAINERI. b6 b7C

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU LAB; IDENT DIVISION

The Lab and Identification Division are requested to conduct handwriting examinations and fingerprint examinations on enclosed evidence for comparisons with items enclosed and to be submitted in the future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)
(ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

DATE: 2/11/80

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,
CIRCUIT JUDGE,
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Louisville, dated 12/17/79.

On 1/30/80, [redacted] for Ozaukee County, was interviewed by SA [redacted] at his office in [redacted] Wisconsin. He voluntarily furnished the following information regarding captioned matter:

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[redacted] stated he was acquainted with ALEX J. RAINERI and advised that he had previously [redacted] from RAINERI when the latter became a circuit judge in Hurley, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that [redacted] were related to either the Show Bar or the White Way Motel in Hurley or anyone named [redacted]

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[redacted] noted that there were numerous rumors during the period of time he worked in Hurley that RAINERI had some sort of hidden interest in the Show Bar, [redacted] stated he had no personal knowledge of this. He also stated that it was rumored one [redacted], who operates [redacted] on Silver Street in Hurley, was also reportedly involved in the operation of the Show Bar, but again [redacted] stated he had no personal knowledge of this.

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[redacted] stated that he was not acquainted with anyone named [redacted] and did not know of any association either [redacted] ALEX RAINERI. [redacted] did note, however,

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that on one occasion, he had been [redacted] a black female named [redacted], who was [redacted] Michigan. [redacted] had been employed at the Show Bar as a "dancer", and there was some question about her not getting some wages due her from the Show Bar. RAINERI inquired of [redacted] about the status of the matter, asking if there was going to be any problem for [redacted] the Show Bar, [redacted] stated he knew only [redacted] whose name he did not know. [redacted] stated that [redacted] never made any specific statements or allegations to him about being involved in prostitution activities at the Show Bar or her knowledge of any association between RAINERI and the Show Bar.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] subsequently [redacted] and he believed she was now residing somewhere in [redacted] He stated he thought a current address could probably be obtained from DA ANDY TINGSTED in Bessemer, Michigan.

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Finally, [redacted] noted that he had previously been contacted by a representative of the Wisconsin State Bar Investigating Committee regarding RAINERI. He did not recall this individual's name but noted that the Wisconsin State Bar was apparently investigating this same information and that it might be worth contacting that committee to obtain the results of their investigation.

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Any additional leads based upon the above information are being left to the discretion of the Case Agent.

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B); OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TELEPHONE CALL TO YOUNGSTOWN RA (SA [redacted] [redacted] WHEREIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED RE CAPTIONED MATTER. b6 b7C

CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION RELATES TO BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACTIVITIES OF JUDGE RAINERI IN THE OPERATION OF THE SHOW BAR, HURLEY, WISCONSIN, A NUDE DANCING BAR AND HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION [redacted] RAINERI'S [redacted] AMONG THOSE PROSTITUTES WORKING FOR [redacted] AT THIS LOCATION AND AT THE JACK-O-LANTERN LOUNGE, IRON RIVER, MICHIGAN, WAS ONE [redacted] CURRENTLY RESIDING AT [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] CONDUCT ARREST CHECKS, OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH, AND INTERVIEW [redacted] THOROUGHLY RE PROSTITUTION ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH SHOWBAR AND JACK-O-LANTERN, TRAVEL OF PROSTITUTES BETWEEN THESE LOCATIONS, AND ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION OF JUDGE RAINERI WITH THESE BUSINESSES.

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REGULAR MAIL

Date 2/21/80

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)(P)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI
CIRCUIT JUDGE
HURLEY, WISCONSIN
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)
OO: MILWAUKEE

Enclosed for Las Vegas are copies of folder and photograph taken at MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, Nevada. Photo depicts subject RAINERI [redacted] and was reportedly taken at MGM Grand Hotel, September-October, 1978, during RAINERI's attendance at judicial college, which Las Vegas has previously verified. b6 b7C

For the information of all receiving offices, captioned investigation relates to alleged participation in behind-the-scenes operation of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, described by current District Attorney as "Hurley's last cathouse." Hurley has a colorful history of vice and prostitution operating wide open without restraint by local law enforcement. The Show Bar was owned and operated by JACK "JACKPOT" GASBARRI until his death in late 1975, after which [redacted] RAINERI, who was District Attorney from 1960 to 1978 when he became Judge, was an inseparable personal friend of JACKPOT and it has now been established that as District Attorney, RAINERI was being paid off by bars featuring prostitution, with JACKPOT making monthly collections. After JACKPOT's death, [redacted] b6 b7C

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RAINERI's [redacted] and he reportedly [redacted] Show Bar management and operations, including attempting to hire a manager, reportedly writing checks to entertainers, and reportedly making trips to Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Iron River, Michigan; and possibly other locations to transport dancers/prostitutes back to Hurley. The Show Bar burned 4/20/79. [redacted] RAINERI [redacted] and [redacted] and cooperating with investigation. b6 b7C

According to [redacted] RAINERI stayed at the downtown Holiday Inn, Reno, Nevada, in October, 1978, while he attended judicial college. [redacted] RAINERI's State of Wisconsin travel voucher obtained from State Judicial Investigating Commission reflects receipts from Holiday Inn, Downtown, 1000 East 6th Street, Reno, Nevada, [redacted] although these are only partially legible. He was apparently in Reno 9/17/78 to 10/6/78, although not believed at the Holiday Inn the entire time. b6 b7C

File review reflects numerous past investigations regarding [redacted] JACKPOT, in which RAINERI is mentioned. He was always [redacted] RAINERI [redacted] along [redacted] made numerous trips to Las Vegas where they were allegedly close friends with a [redacted] a dealer there. b6 b7C

The following leads are being set forth, with explanations where appropriate, and it is requested that these be given expeditious coverage in view of the subject's position as a sitting Judge and the desire of the USA, Madison, Wisconsin, to present this matter to a Federal Grand Jury during the first week in April, 1980.

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will conduct arrest checks and obtain photograph regarding [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] and thereafter locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, knowledge of RAINERI, [redacted] etc. b6 b7C

AT CICERO, ILLINOIS

At Chicago Downs (Sportsmen's Park), 3301 Laremy Avenue, Cicero, telephone number 312-242-1121, determine if either [redacted] and finish of such horses. Also determine if records exist of [redacted] and, if possible, what bets these winnings represented. It is noted that [redacted] has claimed the above winnings were placed in [redacted] made by RAINERI and [redacted], a Milwaukee Attorney, relating to [redacted] Such a situation suggests a possible sports bribery situation. [redacted] and [redacted] are the only two Milwaukee Attorneys with the first name of [redacted] Milwaukee indices negative re [redacted] is listed in numerous racketeering files. b6 b7C

CINCINNATI DIVISION

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Will conduct indices and arrest checks (obtain photo if available) regarding [redacted] aka [redacted] and determine current whereabouts of [redacted] is a [redacted] at the [redacted] and should have extensive knowledge of operations. No lead is being set forth to interview [redacted] at this time pending issuance of Federal Grand Jury subpoena. b6 b7C

DENVER DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will conduct arrest checks and obtain photograph, if available, for [redacted] b6 b7C

may be identical with a [redacted], although not enough is known to positively determine this. b6 b7C

Will thereafter locate and thoroughly interview [redacted] regarding [redacted] activities there, operations, and particularly her knowledge of RAINERI's activities in connection with hiring, firing and payment of employees, skimming of funds from receipts, receipt of payoffs from bar owners, and relationship with [redacted] JACKPOT GASBARRI. b6 b7C

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Will conduct indices review regarding [redacted] RAINERI and furnish pertinent information to Milwaukee. b6 b7C

AT RENO, NEVADA

Will obtain records of Holiday Inn, Downtown, for stay of RAINERI, September - October, 1978, including the number of persons in room, telephone calls made, etc.

It is noted that Las Vegas has previously determined RAINERI to have attended judicial college, 9/17/78 - 10/6/78.

Will exhibit folder and photograph at MGM Grand Hotel and conduct whatever investigation necessary to positively establish that this photograph taken there, obtaining date if possible. Consider taking similar photograph of same location showing exact same background.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION b6 b7C

AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA

Will obtain any police records available regarding [redacted] on [redacted]

MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Will conduct indices checks regarding Sauna Inn Booking Agency and furnish details of any known prostitution activity. Witnesses have advised that Sauna Inn furnished Show Bar with dancers/prostitutes.

Furnish identity of appropriate individual(s) to interview and from whom to subpoena records relating to business done with Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin.

No lead being set forth to conduct interviews at this time, awaiting review of checks of Show Bar for all known payments to Sauna Inn. If informant coverage available re Sauna Inn business, determine any knowledge of Show Bar, persons contacted, etc.

Will contact classified advertising department of "Minneapolis Tribune" and attempt to locate advertisement for sale of Show Bar allegedly placed in this newspaper during early summer of 1978, allegedly listing RAINERI's Post Office Box at Hurley, Wisconsin, for contacts. If located, obtain appropriate copies and forward to Milwaukee.

AT CROSBY, MINNESOTA

Will interview [redacted], located through telephone number [redacted], regarding his knowledge of RAINERI's connection with Show Bar, related to Special Agent of the Detroit Division when [redacted] b6 b7C

OMAHA DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA

Will locate [redacted] formerly of Hurley, and [redacted] and thoroughly interview [redacted] regarding operation of Show Bar, prostitution activities there, and any knowledge he has regarding RAINERI, RAINERI's [redacted] with [redacted], and RAINERI's activities with respect to operation of the Show Bar. b6 b7C

It is noted that [redacted] during the final days of the Show Bar, during which time it has been established that the bar collected a percentage of prostitution engagements taking place upstairs in rooms above the bar, these fees being placed by prostitutes in envelopes and given to the bartender to place in the till. They were subsequently transmitted to [redacted] where witnesses have identified RAINERI as counting daily receipts, including opening of envelopes. b6 b7C

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

AT APPLETON, WISCONSIN

[redacted] b6 b7C

Will conduct arrest and directory checks for [redacted] reportedly now dancing in the [redacted] and formerly of Hurley, Wisconsin. If located, interview regarding Show Bar and Hurley's prostitution activities of which she reportedly has extensive knowledge, and RAINERI.

AT GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

Will interview [redacted] of Holiday Inn, Downtown, and previously [redacted] of Holiday Inn at Hurley which opened in 1972. [redacted] reportedly knows details of how and why [redacted] for Brook Inns on liquor license of Hurley Holiday Inn, a position she has held since motel opened, although she has no connection with motel. At that time, RAINERI was District Attorney of Iron County and was reportedly receiving extensive payoffs from local taverns. [redacted] b6 b7C

Conduct arrest checks at Green Bay Police Department for [redacted] by Green Bay Police Department, and obtain photograph and any information regarding possible current [redacted] b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted], also known [redacted] Michigan [redacted], [redacted] advised as follows: b6 b7C

[redacted] located at [redacted] for [redacted] The establishment is currently a bar featuring nude dancers. She was [redacted] in [redacted] citizen. In her [redacted] she has engaged dancers through a booking agency, up until about five or six years ago, and since then has located dancers simply by word of mouth. Most of the dancers in her establishment are from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Chicago, Illinois; or from Minnesota. There is an informal arrangement among club managers when dancers move from one club to another that the managers will assist other clubs in locating dancers. Those clubs involved in this arrangement are one in [redacted] and until it burned in April, 1979, the Show Bar in Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

She has met and knows [redacted] of Hurley, Wisconsin, and has mutual friends with [redacted] including [redacted] and others. She met [redacted] ago in Hurley in [redacted] the Show Bar. At that time [redacted] "JACKPOT" GASBARRI having died a year or so earlier. As she and [redacted] they became acquainted, and though they are not too close of friends, she has had [redacted] to her establishment and home for dinner on several occasions. On these occasions [redacted] has been [redacted], ALEX RAINERI, who is the judge in Hurley. RAINERI [redacted] have had dinner with [redacted] in Iron River a total of b6 b7C

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about five times. The reason they were in Iron River was "to see the girls dance", and [redacted] does not remember them either bringing girls from Hurley to Iron River or taking back girls from Iron River to Hurley. She does recall, however, that on occasion [redacted] establishment to come back to Hurley to dance there. Girls whom she recalled dancing in both locations are a [redacted] and [redacted]; the only one currently having location known to [redacted] who is now in [redacted]. When in Iron River, the dancers stay at one of several motels in the Iron River area, the Coast to Coast, Cloverland, Wild River, or Brule.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] would call her and ask her for telephone numbers for girls to contact in order to dance [redacted] did not know anything at all about running [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she has never gone to Hurley with any girls going there to dance, not by any means of transportation. She once went back to Hurley with ALEX RAINERI [redacted] just the three of them, and on this occasion she stayed with [redacted] home. On another occasion she was visited in Iron River by a girl named [redacted] and together with [redacted] she went to Hurley, where they spent the day drinking with [redacted] At that time [redacted] could stay with her, [redacted] had to stay upstairs above the Show Bar with the other girls dancing in the bar. [redacted] objected to this. Later, [redacted] in Ironwood, Michigan, and she, [redacted] On this occasion, from her hotel in Hurley, [redacted] called up ALEX RAINERI to find out what the arrest was all about and if he could get it reduced. He apparently was successful in

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getting the [redacted] and [redacted] She exhibited [redacted] dated April 24, 1978, reflecting the payment of this amount for [redacted] She went to the courthouse in Ironwood, driven by a friend, [redacted] in Ironwood, where she picked up [redacted] This all happened in two days, with one overnight in between. She stayed in a motel rather than at [redacted] because she did not like [redacted] but [redacted] She does not currently know the [redacted] who went [redacted] and whom she believes to [redacted] At the time [redacted] did not [redacted] though she had in the past. [redacted] had never worked at Iron River, and she and [redacted] were [redacted] having met in [redacted]

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She has known ALEX RAINERI for [redacted] having met him through [redacted], and she has never done any business at all with him. She has [redacted]

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The girls working in the Jack-O-Lantern Bar work from 8:00 p. m. until 2:00 a. m., and she very seldom sees them otherwise. The identities of all girls working [redacted] Those she recalls by name are [redacted] are paid by the week, and their Social Security numbers are recorded with the accountant. She recalled that [redacted] whom she met through friends from Chicago, once went to Hurley in 1977 to dance and help out [redacted] for a week, staying at the White Way Motel. At that time she had a construction worker from Ironwood named [redacted] a ride to Hurley. She

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was definite that [redacted] had not been transported there by ALEX RAINERI. She advised that [redacted] (last name unknown), worked in Hurley but not in Iron River and was never transported there, to her knowledge, by ALEX RAINERI [redacted] b6 b7C

To her knowledge, ALEX RAINERI has never been in the Show Bar once it opened, and she has never seen him [redacted] One afternoon he came into the bar for a couple of minutes while [redacted] was there. She stated that nobody really ran the Show Bar, girls just danced more or less on their own. She never saw anyone go upstairs and she had no knowledge of prostitution at the Show Bar. Neither [redacted] ALEX RAINERI talked about prostitution. She recalled that on one occasion a dancer from the Show Bar [redacted] came to Iron River one deer season with some hunters, but she did not dance at the Jack-O-Lantern but was just visiting. b6 b7C

On another occasion, [redacted], who [redacted] to Hurley one night to look for [redacted] in order to socialize with them. When the Show Bar burned, she called [redacted] needed anything, but was unsuccessful in getting ahold of her. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is unknown to her, though she has [redacted] the White Way Motel, and has heard of him. She has heard that [redacted] of the Show Bar for one or two weeks, then [redacted] She has heard this from salesmen servicing both Iron River and Hurley. b6 b7C

During her dinners with ALEX RAINERI and [redacted] RAINERI [redacted], and there has been no business conversation. She knows that RAINERI is an attorney and is a judge, and she b6 b7C

has never heard them talking about prostitution. She reiterated that she has ridden to Hurley with ALEX [redacted] on only one occasion. She stated that she does not take the bus to Hurley and has never done so and has never claimed to have done so. She has stayed at the White Way Motel on only one occasion. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] two girls at a time as dancers, these girls staying two weeks to a month each, and ordinarily [redacted] with dancers all year round, because without dancers there is no bar business. It is difficult to get girls to dance, and most of the dancers now employed are black females from the City of Milwaukee, most of whom are very easy to get along with. The only white girl having danced for [redacted] of [redacted] has never worked for [redacted] books her girls through an agent, who is unknown to [redacted] b6 b7C

She reiterated that ALEX RAINERI has never called her seeking girls and when [redacted] who can always use more girls, has called, her calls were for telephone numbers to call to get girls. One girl in particular whom she suggested [redacted] who is currently believed to be some place in [redacted] is locatable through [redacted] telephone number [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] furnished the original receipt regarding the payment of [redacted] for which she was furnished a written receipt. b6 b7C

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[redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, was presented by Special Agent [redacted] with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena duces tecum for the business records in his possession of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin. [redacted] furnished all such records in his possession, which included two file folders with contents and a stack of bank statements with cancelled checks and check stubs. [redacted] stated that recent records of the Show Bar, corporate name Ritz Bar, Inc., were not in his possession, as in early 1979, these had been obtained from him [redacted] advised [redacted] for the Show Bar, [redacted] for the signature [redacted] stated he usually [redacted]

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